

St. John's CE Primary School Admissions Criteria

In seeking admission for your child to this school, your attention is drawn to the following information:

This is a Church of England School, which was founded for the promotion of Christian education. It is expected, therefore, that all children will take part in the religious teaching and worshipping life of our school. This does not, however, affect the legal right of a parent to withdraw their child from religious worship and/or religious instruction.

ADMISSIONS POLICY 2015

Where there are more applications for places at the school than there are places available, the Governors will admit candidates in the following order:

1. Looked after children.¹
2. Children whose parent(s) regularly² worship at St. John's or St. Luke's Churches.
3. A child who already has a brother or sister (this includes step/half/foster siblings living at the same address) currently attending the school at the time of admission (i.e. in September 2015).
4. A child who attends St. John's C of E Primary School Nursery.
5. Children living in the geographical parish of Clay Hill (details on A church Near You website). Priority will be given to the closest.³
6. Children whose parent(s) regularly² worship at another Church of England church⁴.
7. Children whose parent(s) regularly² worship at a church of any other Christian denomination.
8. Any other applicants

Notes:

No application will be considered unless it bears the child's permanent home address.

1. Looked after children include those subject to care orders and/or those who are in foster care.
2. By regular we mean worship at church by a parent/guardian, at least twice monthly over a period of 12 months, prior to the admissions meeting in February. References will be sought via the Supplementary Information Form which may be collected and should be returned to the school.
3. Distances from home to school are provided by the Enfield Schools Admissions Service. The Governing Body has been advised that the distances provided are calculated by the admissions IT system using ADDRESS-POINT®. This provides a national grid co-ordinate and a unique reference for each postal address in Great Britain. The grid reference is provided to a resolution of 0.1 metres (10cm). the accuracy of each ADDRESS-POINT® is such that each point will fall within the addressed building. In the case of multi-occupancy buildings such as flats where there may only be one address point, priority will be given to the applicants whose door number is the lowest numerically or alphabetically.
4. by other Christian Church we mean those who are members of Churches together in Britain and Ireland or the Evangelical Alliance.

The deciding factor in any category will be proximity to the school, measured in a straight line from the parental home to the school gate in Theobalds Park Road. Should there be a tie break this will be decided by drawing lots.

Application for a Place.

In order to be considered for a place at the school parents must complete a Common Application Form (CAF), available from their home Local Authority, naming the school and if they are applying under criteria 1,2,3,4 and 6 you should complete a school Supplementary Information Form so that governors may consider your application fully. The CAF will need to be returned to the Local Authority by xxx and the Supplementary Information Form to the school by xxx.

In-Year Admissions

Applications for In-Year admissions are made in the same way as those made during the normal admissions round. If a place is available and there is no waiting list then the local authority will communicate the governors' offer of a place to the family. If more applications are received than there are places available then applications will be ranked by the governing body in accordance with the oversubscription criteria, [with the following modifications: children without an offer of a school place are given priority immediately after other 'looked-after' children]. If a place cannot be offered at this time then you may ask us for the reasons and you will be informed of your right of appeal. You will be offered the opportunity of being placed on a waiting list. This waiting list will be maintained by the governing body in the order of the oversubscription criteria [as modified above] and not in the order in which the applications are received. Names are removed from the list at the end of each academic year. When a place becomes available the governing body will decide who is at the top of the list so that the LEA can inform the parent that the school is making an offer.

Parents who already have a child in the school should not assume that further children will automatically be accepted.

No discussions, regarding admissions, may take place with individual governors on individual cases.