

ST JOHN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL ENFIELD

RECEPTION/MAIN SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

St John's is a Voluntary Aided Primary School founded and inspired by the Christian faith according to the teaching and practice of the Church of England. The Governing Body is responsible for admission of pupils to the Nursery and to the Main School. As far as possible, the school will ensure that pupils with disabilities have access to the same opportunities as other pupils.

The agreed intake into the Reception Class is 17 pupils.

An online Borough Application form for admission to reception class **must be** submitted by 15th January 2024. The school also has a Supplementary Information Form which requires information applicable to the school's admission criteria 2 and 6. No applications or additional information received after this date will be considered.

In the event of over-subscription, the Governors will consider all applications using the criteria below, which are listed in order of priority. When reference is made to distance from the school, it must be the parents/guardians' address where the child permanently resides at the time of application. No other address will be considered. **In the event of a criterion being oversubscribed, priority will be given on the basis of least distance between the child's home and the school.**

All distances will be calculated using the London Borough of Enfield admission, computer system using ADDRESS-POINT². 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 metre (10 centimetres). The accuracy of each ADDRESS-POINT² is such that each point will fall within the addressed building.

In the case of multi-occupancy building such as flats where there may only be one address point, priority will be given to the applicant whose door number is the lowest numerically or alphabetically. Where the Authority provides home to school distances for own admission authority schools the same system will be used. Where two addresses have the same distance a decision will be made using random allocation.

If a child from a multiple birth is offered the last available place, the other child/children will be admitted as an exception.

Deferred Places & Summer Born Children

Parent(s) of a child whose fifth birthday falls between 1st September and 31st March, may request that their child is not admitted until later in that school year, no later than the term after their child's fifth birthday, when the child reaches compulsory school age. Parent(s) of a child whose fifth birthday falls between 1st April and 31st August, must be admitted, at the latest by the summer term, of the year that they are five. Where parent(s) wish, a child may attend part time until they reach compulsory school age. The school will hold any deferred place for the child.

Admissions Out Of The Normal Age Group

The term 'summer born children' relates to all children born from 1st April to 31st August. In exceptional circumstances, it may be possible for summer born children (or those born prematurely) to be admitted out of their normal age group. Decisions will be made on a case by case basis after liaison between the child's parent(s), school and any outside agencies. If a parent decides not to apply for a Reception place, but to apply for a Year 1 place, the parent needs to be aware that the Year 1 group may have no vacancies.

Education, Health and Care Plans

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Need or with an Education, Health and care (EHCP) plan will always be offered places at St. John's CE Primary School. If there is then greater demand for admission than there are places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below:

St. John's CE Primary School Admissions Criteria

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) regularly (2) 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 2024).
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) regularly(2) worship at another Church of England church.
7. Children whose parent(s) regularly(2) 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 and children who were previously looked after, but ceased to be so because, immediately after being looked after, they became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order. "Note: By a 'looked after child' we mean on in the care of a local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of its social services function. An adoption order is one made under the Adoption Act 1976 (section 12) or the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Section 46). A 'child arrangements order' is one settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live (Children Act 1989, Section 8, as amended by the Children and Families Act 2014, section 14). A 'special guardianship order' is one appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian/s (Children Act 1989, section 14A). Applications under this criterion must be accompanied by evidence to show that the child is looked after or was previously looked after (e.g. a copy of the adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order)."
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 2024. We have updated this guidance on church attendance in the light of Covid-19 which is as follows:
In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship, the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.
References will be sought via the Supplementary Information Form and should be returned to the school.
3. Distances from home to school are provided by the Enfield Schools Admissions Service. All distances will be calculated using the London Borough of Enfield admission, computer system using ADDRESS-POINT². 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 metre

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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.

All applications should be accompanied by proof of your child's address. Copies of any two of the following are required:

UK Driving Licence, Council tax Notification, Child's Medical Card or a Utility Bill less than three months old. This must be the address where the child permanently resides.

If any false information is provided, this will lead to an offer of a place being withdrawn.

The Governors consider each application strictly in line with the Admissions Criteria. There are always more applications than there are places available. In the event that a child is refused entry, it is suggested that each criterion is studied carefully before contacting the school. If you are not offered a place at St. John's School, you have the right to appeal to an independent appeals panel. Appeals should be made in writing to the Clerk to the Governors c/o St. John's School by the 20th May.

Appeals Timetable

Appeals will usually be heard within thirty school days of being lodged and you will be given at least ten days' notice of where and when your appeal is to be heard. Cases of admission to Reception class appeals are usually heard within forty days of the closing date for appeals. Hearings usually take place during the day and you are invited to attend. The hearing will be in two main parts. The first part will focus on the admission authority putting its case for refusing admission to the school and then the panel and parents may ask questions about that case for refusal. The second part will focus on parents presenting their child's case and then being asked questions by the panel and the admission authority. Both parties are given the opportunity to summarise their cases.

The clerk will write to you to tell you the outcome of your appeal, usually within five school days. The decision reached by the panel is legally bounding on all parties and can only be overturned by a court.

The decision of the Governing Body is a corporate one and no discussion of individual cases may be held with any Governor. If the Governors are unable to offer your child a place, their name may, if requested, be kept on a reserve list and you will be informed if a vacancy occurs.

Data is used in the school in accordance with our published privacy statement which is available on our website www.stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk This privacy statement explains what personal data we collect from you, and how we use it.