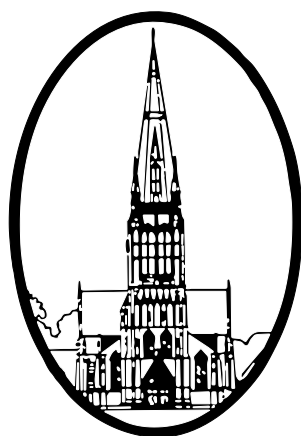


St. Mary's C. of E. Primary School

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Admissions Policy

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Mission Statement and Values

"Through God's love, we strive to be the best we can be."

St Mary's is an inspiring and creative school which fosters a love of learning as well as developing skills for life. We strive to enhance every child's moral, spiritual, intellectual, social and physical well-being and celebrate every child's gifts.

As a faith school we hold **love** at the centre of all we do. This and the following values reflect the ethos of our school.

Respect – ourselves, each other and our environment

Courage – to stand up for what is right, overcome our fears and embrace new challenges

Truth – in the choices we make and our dealings with family, friends, school and community

WE ARE A CHURCH SCHOOL THAT STRIVES TO SERVE OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

The Governing Board, who are responsible for admissions to this Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School, have agreed with the Local Education Authority to admit 30 pupils for each year group. These arrangements and the admissions criteria below are reviewed annually.

Admissions Procedure

- (a) Application for admission must be made by
 - registering and naming the school online at www.eadmissions.org.uk
 - completing the school's supplementary form when requesting a place under criteria 3 and 4 available from and returned to the school office.

A member of staff will explain the admissions procedure when you visit or on an open day. Details of which are given on request.
- (b) It is the responsibility of the parents to inform the Headteacher of any change of circumstances, which take place after the completion of the application form.
- (c) 30 children will be admitted to the reception class in the autumn term of the academic year in which they will be 5 years old.
- (d) Parents will be informed whether or not their child has been offered a place following the local authority dates.

When there are more applicants than there are places, children will be allocated places to children in the following order of priority:

- (1) Looked-after child or a child who was previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or a special guardianship order.
- (2) Children subject to a Child Protection Plan for whom this is the nearest school.
- (3) Children whose parents are regular worshippers at St Mary's Church, Stoke Newington. Regular worship is attendance at least once a month at services for a period of at least one year prior to the application.) A supporting letter is required from the relevant parish priest.
- (4) Children whose parents are regular worshippers (as detailed above) at other Christian churches and who reside within the parish boundary of St Mary's Church, Stoke Newington. A supporting letter is required from the relevant Christian minister. A map of the parish of St Mary's Church, Stoke Newington can be viewed on www.achurchnearyou.com/parish_finder.php (Children who have access to a local denominational school of their own faith will not be considered under this category.)
- (5) Children who have a sibling at the school at the time of potential attendance (not application).
- (6) Children of members of staff who have worked at the school for at least two years prior to the academic year for which they are applying.
- (7) Of the remaining applicants, those who live closest to the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to the centre of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system. In the event of two children living exactly the same distance, the allocation will be determined by lottery, which will be carried out by the Admissions Committee in the presence of an independent witness.

Note 1

Children with Educational Health Care (EHC) plans or remaining statements of Special Educational Needs (SEN) that specifies this school as the placement school will be allocated a place through a separate procedure in accordance with the Code of Practice and the Local Authority.

Note 2

In the case of twins or multiple birth if a place is offered to one of the children priority will be given to all of the other siblings and the Governing Body will establish if the school is able to admit more

than 30. If this is not possible the allocation of the place will be determined by lottery, which will be carried out by the Admissions Committee in the presence of an independent witness.

Note 3

Should the number of applicants eligible in a particular criterion exceed the number of places available, preference will be given based on distance from the school according to the formula in criterion 7.

Note 4

For the purposes of these applications, parent should be taken to include carer, guardian or foster parent/carer.

Note 5

On application to the school proof of address will be established from a recent household bill e.g. council tax. Identification of the child is also required in the form of a birth certificate, preferably the short birth certificate. The original documents will be photocopied by the school office and the originals returned to you. If you are applying for a place in criterion 3 or 4, the Christian worship supporting letter must be submitted at the time of the application. It will be a decision of governors whether supplied documents are acceptable as proof of address and/or ID for the child.

Unsuccessful applicants will be placed on a waiting list in order of the above priorities.

In Year Admissions

Vacancies for places in all year groups will be offered to those on the waiting list according to the admissions criteria above.

Admissions Appeals

Parents who are not offered a place for their child are entitled to appeal to an independent committee under the provisions of the Education Act 1980. Parents wishing to appeal should complete an appeal form, which is available from the school.

Delayed entry to Reception

The School admits children to the Reception class in the September of the school year in which a child turns the age of 5 years (the school year runs from 1st September to 31st August). Parents of summer born children who wish to defer their child's start into Reception class until the next school year or wish to seek a place in-year outside of your child's normal age group should refer to the guidance in the Hackney Primary schools booklet.

Admissions out of normal age group

Children are normally educated in school with others of their age group; however, in exceptional circumstances parents/carers may seek a place outside of their child's normal age group.

Parents/carers whose children are currently educated out of their normal age group and wish this to

continue or are now seeking a place out of their normal age group should put their request in writing at the time of application. Decisions will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case by the admissions panel and Headteacher.