



STONE ST. MARY'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Policy for Admissions

UNICEF Convention on the Rights of Children Article 3

(The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all actions concerning children)

Pupils within the appropriate age range are admitted to the school in accordance with Kent County Council admissions policy.

The admissions criteria are: -

- **Children in Local Authority care or Previously in Local Authority Care** – a 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after became subject to adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).
- **Health and Special Access Reasons** – medical, social, health and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians' physical or mental health or social needs mean that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the particular school.
- **current family association** - a brother or sister in the school at the time of entry
- **nearness of children's home and ease of access to schools** – we use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school, measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by NLPG. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for the school, these straight line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school.

Children are admitted on to the Admissions Register by the name on their birth certificate. If parents wish them to be known by another name it will be indicated next to the birth certificate name by "known as". If a child's name is legally changed at a later date this will be cross referenced in the Admissions Register.

Early Years Provision

All children will be admitted in the Autumn Term of the academic year in which they reach the age of five years. However, we do believe that it is important that all the children attend school on a part-time basis initially as school demands a great deal of the young child. Starting school for the first time brings with it new routines, social situations and experiences which can be very exhausting.

Collective Worship takes place either in class, Key Stage or whole school. Children are steadily integrated into whole school Collective Worship. It is important to build on their previous experiences in school as they are fully integrated into all aspects of school life.

We follow our school's guidelines on Health and Safety. Children remain in their classrooms at the end of each day until they are collected by a parent or similar adult authorised by the parent.

This policy will be reviewed every two years.

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