

Ramsgate Holy Trinity C.E.(Aided) Primary School

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DETERMINED ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 (Published Admission Number 30)

In line with the DFE School Admissions Code, children with a statement of special educational need or Education (SSEN), Health and Care Plan (EHCP) which names Ramsgate Holy Trinity C.E. (A.) Primary School will be allocated a place at the school before the oversubscription criteria are applied. As a result of this, the published admissions number will be reduced accordingly.

Where the number of applications for admission exceeds the places available, all applications will be considered in accordance with the over-subscription criteria below:

1. Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children

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) at the time of making an application to a school.

A previously looked after child means such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

2. Up to 15 Places filled through Faith Criteria

Parents/Carers with 2 years' weekly attendance at a Christian church with membership of Churches Together England or Evangelical Alliance.

The Vicar, Priest, Clergy or Pastor will be required to provide written evidence to the Governing Body on the Clergy's Form concerning the child's and parent/carers' affiliation to the Church. The Vicar will use his or her discretion in recognising that weekly attendance is an expression of a family's commitment to the Church and acknowledges that occasional absences will not negate this criterion.

If there are more than 15 applicants who qualify for a foundation place, places will be allocated according to the following criteria. These are stated in order of priority:

Families are ranked with those families with siblings already attending the school ranked first, followed by families ranked by distance from home to the school.

If there were to be more than 15 siblings with two years' church attendance, then these are ranked by distance with the 16th and above children being placed into Criteria 3.

If there are fewer than 15 qualified applicants for foundation places, any unfilled places will become additional open places.

Unsuccessful qualified applicants for foundation places will be considered for any open places remaining unfilled at the end of the allocation procedure.

3. Children with a sibling attending the school at the time of application.

Sibling is defined in these arrangements as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers and sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters. Siblings with the appropriate church attendance are considered under Criteria 2. Siblings are ranked in order of distance from the school.

4. Children of staff

Children of staff where the member of staff has been employed at the school before the application for the child's admission to the school has been made or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

5. Distance from home to school measured in accordance with the Local Authority provision nearness of children's home to school.

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. The home of the child is established by the fact that they reside there permanently or where parents have shared responsibility for a child following the breakdown of their relationship and the child lives for part of the week with each parent.

Multiple Births procedures

When multiple births within a family would cause the 'infant class size limit' to be exceeded, the school will use the process defined below in 'Tiebreaker'.

Tiebreaker

If any category is oversubscribed, applicants will be ranked as defined in *Distance / Nearness of children's home to school* (above). Where distance is found to be equal, (as measured by the Local Authority) then names will be issued a number and a random selection will be applied.

Deferment of Entry

Parents of Reception age children have the right to defer entry or take up a place part-time, until the term in which the child reaches compulsory school age.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so, they should include a written request with their application, setting out the year group in which they wish their child to be allocated a place and the reasons for their request. When such a request is made, the Head will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case, based on their professional judgement of what is in the best interest of the child, taking account of the evidence and rationale provided by the parents.

Waiting List, Appeals and Late Applications

The school will follow the Local Authority procedures relating to waiting lists, appeals and late applications, further details are printed in the 'Admission to Primary Schools in Kent' booklet, and are available from the school on request.

The right to withdraw a place

After a place has been offered, the school reserves the right to withdraw the place in the following circumstances:

1. when a parent has failed to respond to an offer within a reasonable time; or
2. when a parent has failed to notify the school of important changes to the application information; or
3. the admission authority offered the place on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from a parent.
4. the requirements of the County Co-ordinated Scheme for Primary Admissions, to which the school subscribes, have not been followed completely.

Adjustment to the Criterion due to Covid-19:

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 admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

Arrangements for Admissions and Appeals will be reviewed and published each year.

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Supplementary Information Form - for September 2023 - Minister Form

To be completed and returned to:

(by date of K.C.C. 'RCAF' return)

Phone: 01843 860744 Fax: 01843 861290

The Headteacher,

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Name of child: _____ D.O.B. _____

Name of Parent/s _____ Please tick if there
Carer/s _____ is a sibling link

Address _____

_____ Telephone No: _____

The following to be completed ONLY by the Minister:

Name of Church
attended _____

Name of Minister _____

Address of
Minister _____

Telephone number of Minister _____

[] I confirm that the Parents/Carers of the above child have had at least 2 years' weekly attendance at this church (please see note below)*

The Governors at Ramsgate Holy Trinity recognise that 2 years' weekly attendance will naturally include occasional absences through holidays, sickness and family events which clergy are able to take into account.

Signature of Minister _____

N.B. In signing this form, you are confirming that the attendance of the parent/carer at church services is accurate at the date of signing. (NOT the child being applied for.)

I confirm that my church is a Christian church with membership of Churches Together England or Evangelical Alliance []

Please note under the terms of the Appeals Procedure parents wishing to appeal have the right to see all correspondence relating to their application for admission.

Signature of minister:

Date:

Official Church stamp:

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2023 Admissions Criteria determined by the Full Board 9.12.2021