



## Admission Criteria

The following is in order of priority:

1. (According to the Local Authority definition) **Children in Local Authority Care** – a child under the age of 18 years for whom the local authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or who ceased to be so because they were adopted or who is the subject of a care order under Part IV of the Act.
2. Children of residents of Elham Parish who regularly attend a service at St. Mary's Church (see definition 2).
3. Children of residents of Elham Parish who regularly attend another church, which is a member of Churches Together in England (see definition 2 below).
4. Children who at the time of entry have a sibling at the school (see definition 1 below).
5. Children of residents in Elham Parish.
6. Children of non-residents of Elham Parish who regularly attend St. Mary's Church (see definition 2 below)
7. Children of non-residents of Elham Parish who regularly attend another church which is a member of Churches Together in England (see definition 2 below).
8. **Health and Special Access Reasons** – Medical, health, social 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 Elham Primary 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 Elham Primary 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 Elham Primary School.
9. Children of non-residents of Elham Parish.

**Nearness of children's homes to school** - As a result of changes to KCC's centralised admissions database, school distances will now be calculated using an alternative dataset 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 data. 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.'

### **Definitions**

1. In accordance with paragraph 2.22 of the School Admission Code, a sibling is defined as 'a brother or sister attending the school when the child starts. In this context brother or sister means children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers and sisters, adopted siblings, step-brothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters. The sibling link is maintained as long as the family live at the same address as when the first child applied, or has moved closer to the school than when the first child was offered a place, or has moved to an address that is less than 2 miles from the school using the distance measured by the method outlined in the distance/nearness of children's home to school criterion'.
2. Religious criteria: regular attendance (i.e. not less than once per month over a period of at least six months) by either or both parents/guardians to be verified by the incumbent of the Church. Where only one of two parents satisfies the criterion the application will be treated equally with applications where the criterion is satisfied by both parents. Preference will be given to children who meet admission's criteria 2, then criteria 3 and subsequently criteria 6 and 7.

### **Appeals**

Parents/guardians have the right to appeal against a decision to refuse a place to their child. If parents wish to appeal they must do so in writing to the school. Details of the procedure will be supplied by the Headteacher. Appeals will be dealt with in accordance with the Code of Practice.

### **Reception children**

Places will be offered for September 2018.

### **Placements**

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 fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from a parent'



**Application for admission to Elham Church of England (Aided) Primary School**

Name of child.....

Date of birth.....

Name of parent.....

Address.....

Post code.....Telephone (home/mobile).....

**Admission Criteria.**

**Please tick the boxes which show which of the criteria you fulfill.**

The following is in order of priority. **Please see policy for details and definitions:**

1.  Children who are in Local Authority Care (Looked After Children) or who have been in the past.
2.  Children of residents of Elham Parish who regularly attend a service at St. Mary's Church
3.  Children of residents of Elham Parish who regularly attend another church, which is a member of Churches Together in England
4.  Children who at the time of entry have a sibling at the school
5.  Children of residents in Elham Parish.
6.  Children of non-residents of Elham Parish who are communicant members of St. Mary's Church
7.  Children of non-residents of Elham Parish who regularly attend another church which is a member of Churches Together in England
8.  Medical/Health and special Access Reasons
9.  Children of non-residents of Elham Parish.

**The school's acceptance of this form does not constitute an offer of a place.**

I understand that if the school is likely to be full the Governors will admit children according to the admission criteria.

Signed.....

Dated.....