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**ST LAURENCE-IN-THANET
CHURCH OF ENGLAND JUNIOR ACADEMY**
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ADMISSION CRITERIA 2023

The published admission number for St Laurence-in-Thamet Church of England Junior Academy is 64. Following the admissions of pupils with a statement of Special Educational needs or Education Health and Care Plan which names St Laurence-in-Thamet Church of England Junior Academy, the remaining places will be offered to pupils ranked in the priority order outlined below.

For the purpose of admissions, St Laurence-in-Thamet Church of England Junior Academy is linked to Priory Infant School and Ellington Infant School. These are referred to as linked schools under criterion 2 and 3 below.

The over-subscription criteria for **St Laurence-in-Thamet Church of England Junior Academy** are as follows:

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. Current Family Association -

a) A brother or sister from a linked School whose sibling is attending St Laurence-in-Thamet Church of England Junior Academy at the time of entry. In this context

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brother or sister means children who live as brother and sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters and is currently attending these schools.

b) A brother or sister of a child at St Laurence-in-Thamet Church of England Junior Academy at the time of entry. Where the family continue to live at the same address as when the sibling was admitted - or - if they have moved - live within 2 miles of the school, or have moved to a property that is nearer to the school than the previous property as defined by the 'Nearness' criterion' (below).

If siblings from multiple births (twins, triplets, etc) apply for a place and the Academy would reach its Published Admission Number (PAN) after admitting one or more, but before admitting all of those siblings, the Local Authority will offer a place to each of the siblings, even if doing so takes the school above its PAN.

3. **Attendance at a linked school** - Priority under this criterion will be given to pupils who are transferring from Year 2 in either named infant school and ranked in accordance with the oversubscription criterion below.
4. **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 St Laurence-in-Thamet Church of England Junior Academy. 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 St Laurence-in-Thamet Church of England Junior Academy.
5. **Faith based criteria** - St Laurence-in-Thamet is a Church school and as such it gives priority to children of families who are Members of one of the 5 churches in the Parish of St Laurence (namely St Laurence Ramsgate, St Catherine's Manston, St Mary's Cliffsend, St Christopher's Newington and St Mark's Ramsgate). Proof of regular attendance (a minimum of fortnightly attendance for six months) will need to be confirmed by the Church Minister who will need to complete the supplementary information form attached on behalf of the child.

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6. **Nearness of children's homes 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.

In the unlikely event that two or more children in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the school, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place.

The school will maintain a clear, fair and objective waiting list which will be re-ranked, in line with the published subscription criteria each time a child is added

Process for requesting admission outside of the normal age group

Decisions will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned and the views of the Headteacher. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely.

Where a child is accepted outside of their normal age group, the application will be processed as part of the main admissions round, including the application of oversubscription criteria where applicable.

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Appendix 1

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the churches have been closed for public worship and have 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 churches or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

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This form should be completed by parents of the applicant please

*St Laurence-in-Thamet Church of England Junior Academy
Ramsgate*

Supplementary Admission Application Form

This form should be completed, then passed to your minister with a **stamped addressed envelope that is addressed to:**

**The Head Teacher, St Laurence-in-Thamet Church of England Junior Academy,
Newington Road, RAMSGATE, Kent CT11 0QX**

**This form is in addition to the Common Application Form required by the Local
Education Authority.**

Name of child: _____

Name of Parent(s), Carer(s) or Guardians: _____

Child's Home Address: _____

We are members of (name of church) _____

Name of Minister _____

Address of Minister _____

Telephone number of Minister _____

If you have another child currently attending St Laurence please name

the child here: _____

Name of infant school currently attended _____

Please add any other relevant comments: (please continue overleaf if necessary)

Signed:

(parent / guardian / carer)

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This part of the form should be completed by your minister please.

Rector/Vicar/Minister/Junior Church/ Sunday School Leader Form

The parent(s), carers or guardians of this child are currently active members of my church and have been over the previous six months

(please tick) []

The child is currently a member of Junior Church or Sunday School or equivalent (please tick) []

Signature of Sunday School or Junior Leader:

My church is a member of 'The Churches Together in England and Wales'.
(please tick) []

Please add any further information to assist the Governors in fulfilling their admissions process.

Please note that parents wishing to appeal for a place may have the right to see all correspondence relating to their application and appeal.

Signature of the Minister:

Position

Date:

Please will you return this form to St Laurence-in-Thamet Church of England Junior Academy