



**ALL SOULS'
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Admissions Policy
2019-2020**

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ADMISSIONS POLICY

It is the policy of All Souls' Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School to admit pupils at the beginning of the Autumn Term without regard to ability or aptitude. The number intended admissions at mainly age 4 plus for the year commencing 1 September will be 45.

Children will be admitted in the school year, commencing September, of their fifth birthday. The children will join the school on a full-time basis, after an initial part-time period of familiarisation.

Before the application of oversubscription criteria children with a statement of special educational need which names the school will be admitted. As a result of this the published admissions number will be reduced accordingly.

In the event of oversubscription, the Governors will allocate places to children according to the following criteria:

1. Children in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care – a 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an 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).
2. Current family association –
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, stepbrothers 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.
3. Children of families who regularly worship at All Souls' Church and live in the parish. A map of the parish is available for parents to consult.
4. Children of families who regularly worship at All Souls' Church and do not live in the parish.

"Regular worship" is defined as attendance at services at All Souls' Church on at least a monthly basis over the last 12 months. Written confirmation from the Vicar of All Souls' Church will be required by the Governors.

5. Children of families who have commenced regular worship at All Souls' Church in the last twelve months and who previously worshipped regularly at another Church. Written confirmation will be required by the Governors from the Vicar of All Souls' Church and the Vicar or Curate from the previous Church.
6. Health reasons –
Medical, health social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the disability discrimination Act 1995. 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 means 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 suitable qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the particular school.
7. 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 event of over-subscription on the grounds described in sections 1-6 inclusive, nearness of a child's home as measured by a straight line from home to school will be the deciding factor.

A pupils' home is considered to be a residential property that is the **child's only or main residence** and not an address at which your child may sometimes stay or sleep due to your own domestic or special arrangements. The address must be the pupil's home address on the day you completed your application form and which is either

- Owned by the child's parent, parents or guardian, OR
- Leased to or rented by the child's parent, parents or guardian under a lease or written rental agreement.

If you live separately from your partner but share responsibility for your child, and the child lives at two different addresses during the week, we will regard the home address as the one at which the child sleeps for the majority of weekdays.

A block of flats has a single address point reference, so applicants living in the same block will be regarded as living the same distance away from the school. In the unlikely event that two or more children live in the same block and 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.

Any parent whose child has been refused admission has the right to appeal against this decision.

Although parents may wish to defer their child's school place until the start of the term following their fifth birthday we do have the facilities to admit these children at the beginning of the academic in which their birthday falls.

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

- When a parent has failed to respond to an offer within a reasonable time: or
 - When a parent has failed to notify the school of important change to the application information; or
 - The admission authority offered the place on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from a parent.
- a) Published Admission Numbers will be 45
 - b) Over subscription criteria – as admissions policy
 - c) No testing
 - d) Time table for admission will be as per LEA
 - e) Waiting lists will be kept by school and the oversubscription criteria will apply if appropriate.

Summer Born Children

While most parents will be happy for their child to start school in the September following their fourth birthday, some parents will have concerns about whether their child will be ready for school at this point, and will consider delaying their entry until compulsory school age.

It is important for parents to understand that although statistically summer born children tend to perform less well in tests, this does not mean that all children born in the summer term will struggle at school. Teachers within All Souls' are skilled at differentiating the curriculum to meet a diverse range of needs. Before deciding to delay your child's entry to school, we would recommend that parents visit us so that we can explain the provision on offer to the children in the EYFS and how it is tailored to meet the needs of the youngest pupils.