



Trinity School

Admissions Policy

2019 – 2020

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Pupil Numbers

Trinity School Sevenoaks has an agreed published admission number of 120 Year 7 pupils.

Over-subscription Criteria

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admissions number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below. After the admission of children with statements of Special Educational Need where the school is named in the statement, places will be allocated to applicants in the following priority order:

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).

Faith places

2. Up to 50% of the remaining places will be allocated to students from families attached to a Christian church*, ranked as follows:
 - a. **Students with siblings on roll at the time that the applicant will join the school** - Siblings are defined as brothers, sisters, half brothers, half sisters, step brothers, step sisters and any other child that is the legal responsibility of one of the parents or carers of the student already on roll and is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.
 - b. **Distance from the school, with the closest homes being allocated first** - 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. Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, the principal residence is the place where the child is registered with a GP. Addresses of child minders, businesses or relatives cannot be considered. Distance from the school will be defined as from the centre of the Wildernesse school campus off Seal Hollow Road to the front door of the home address in a straight line.

*Christian families are for these purposes defined as families where at least one parent / carer and the student consistently attend a Christian Church at least twice per month for a period of at least two years, whose minister can provide a reference confirming their attendance on the application form. A Christian Church is defined as being a member of Churches Together in Britain or Ireland or a member of the Evangelical Alliance, or a church which can otherwise demonstrate that its basis of faith accords with Trinitarian Christianity as described in the historic creeds of the Church.



Open places

Open places are available to all applicants. The oversubscription criteria are as follows:

3. The remaining places will then be allocated without reference to faith, ranked as follows:
 - a. **Students with siblings on roll at the time that the applicant will join the school-** Siblings are defined as brothers, sisters, half brothers, half sisters, step brothers, step sisters and any other child that is the legal responsibility of one of the parents or carers of the student already on roll and is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.
 - b. **Distance from the school, with the closest homes being allocated first** - 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. Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, the principal residence is the place where the child is registered with a GP. Addresses of child minders, businesses or relatives cannot be considered. Distance from the school will be defined as from the centre of the Wildernesse school campus off Seal Hollow Road to the front door of the home address in a straight line.

In the event that distance from school results in several students eligible for the last place, then the last place will be allocated by ballot of those equidistant students. The ballot will be overseen by someone independent of the school.

In the event that the last student admitted by distance is a twin or of multiple birth, then they would both be admitted.

The school will set up an Independent Appeals Panel to which there will be the right of appeal for all unsuccessful applicants.

A waiting list will be kept of those initially unsuccessful. Ranking on this waiting list will be in line with the oversubscription criteria. Parents will have the right to know their child's position on this list. This list will be kept until the first day of term 2 of the academic year following admission.

Monitoring and evaluation:

The Governing Body will review this policy at least every two years and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.