

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School



Admissions Policy

This policy was reviewed and approved at the Full Governing Body Meeting of 12th February 2020.

Next Review is SPR 2021.

Chevening (St Botolph's) Church of England (VA) Primary School

“We must provide the best to ensure our pupils can achieve their best”

This policy has been developed being mindful of our aim to provide an excellent education for pupils of all abilities and backgrounds in the context of Christian belief and practice.

Chevening (St Botolph's) Church of England (VA) Primary School Admissions Criteria for Admissions in September 2021

(Based on the Department for Education Admission Code December 2014)

Published Admissions Number (PAN): **30**

Regulation 14 of School Admissions Regulations 2012

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

A Statement of Special Educational Need is a statement made by the local authority under Section 324 of the Education Act 1996 specifying the special educational provision required for that child. An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under Section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014 specifying the special education provision required for that child.

Places will be allocated according to the following ranking, with criterion 1 being the highest ranking:

Oversubscription Criteria

Where the school receives more applications than places the following criteria, in order of priority, will be used to allocate places, with criteria 1 being the highest ranking. Ranking within each criteria will then be determined by distance.

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. Siblings / Current Family Association

A child who has a brother or sister attending the school when he or she 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.

In the event this criterion is over-subscribed, Governors will allocate places by applying criteria 3 to 11 below which are in order of priority.

3*. Church Attendance – St. Botolph's Church (2 x month for 2 years)

Priority will be given within the faith criteria to those parents displaying the highest levels of commitment to the church as confirmed by the Rector of Chevening – twice a month for no less than 2 years.

4*. Church Attendance – St Botolph’s Church (2 x month for 1 year)

Priority will be given within the faith criteria to those parents displaying the highest levels of commitment to the church as confirmed by the Rector of Chevening – twice a month for no less than 1 year.

5*. Church Attendance – St. Botolph’s Church (1 x month for 2 years)

Priority will be given within the faith criteria to those parents displaying the highest levels of commitment to the church as confirmed by the Rector of Chevening – once a month for no less than 2 years.

6*. Church Attendance – St. Botolph’s Church (1 x month for 1 year)

Priority will be given within the faith criteria to those parents displaying the highest levels of commitment to the church as confirmed by the Rector of Chevening – once a month for no less than 1 year.

7*. Other Christian Church Attendance (2 x month for 2 years)

Priority will be given within the faith criteria to those parents displaying the highest levels of commitment to other Christian Churches (Churches that are either members of Churches Together in England and Wales or the Evangelical Alliance) as confirmed by the Church minister – twice a month for no less than 2 years.

8*. Other Christian Church Attendance (2 x month for 1 year)

Priority will be given within the faith criteria to those parents displaying the highest levels of commitment to other Christian Churches (Churches that are either members of Churches Together in England and Wales or the Evangelical Alliance) as confirmed by the Church minister – twice a month for no less than 1 year.

9*. Other Christian Church Attendance (1 x month for 2 years)

Priority will be given within the faith criteria to those parents displaying the highest levels of commitment to other Christian Churches (Churches that are either members of Churches Together in England and Wales or the Evangelical Alliance) as confirmed by the Church minister – once a month for no less than 2 years.

10*. Other Christian Church Attendance (1 x month for 1 year)

Priority will be given within the faith criteria to those parents displaying the highest levels of commitment to other Christian Churches (Churches that are either members of Churches Together in England and Wales or the Evangelical Alliance) as confirmed by the Church minister – once a month for no less than 1 year.

11. 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 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.

Notes relating to the application of the faith criteria:

Evidencing commitment to faith:

This evidence will need to be supported by the Parish Priest(s) or minister(s) of the church(es) concerned with the submission of a 'Supplementary Information Form' (Minister's form) available from school or the Local Authority. More than one form may be submitted to support attendance at previous churches. If parents/guardians have recently moved churches, Governors will make their decision based on the information supplied on this form alone.

The 'Supplementary Information Form' must be returned to the Headteacher at school by the closing date for the return of the Reception Common Application Form 'RCAF' to the Local Authority. Failure to complete and return the 'Supplementary Information Form' may affect the priority ranking of the application. The Admissions Policy and the Supplementary Information Form can be downloaded from our website for completion at the time of application.

In accordance with the requirements of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, the Governors will make arrangements for parents to appeal against the refusal of the Governors to offer a place for their child in the school. Details of the procedure will be supplied by the Headteacher on request.

Clarification of the Child's Home Address

A child's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence (not an address at which the child may sometimes stay or sleep) and which is either owned by the child's parent, parents or guardian or leased or rented to them under a lease or written rental agreement. Where partners live apart but share the responsibility for the 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 week days.

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 by straight line distance [as defined above] and those closest given priority. Where distance is found to be equal, children will be ranked in alphabetical order, surname first and then by alphabetical order of first name on birth certificate.

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.

Admissions at times other than into Reception

The waiting list will be ranked according to the over subscription criteria as it stands on the day we receive a formal communication from a current child's parent informing us of the decision to leave.

Open Mornings and visiting the school

We hold Open Mornings from September to January. The dates are publicised on our website www.chevening.kent.sch.uk At other times of year, parents may contact the school office to make an appointment to visit the school.

Deferred entry to school

a) The child's parents can defer the date their child is admitted to the school until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which it was made; and

b) Where the parents wish, children may attend part-time until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age.

c) There is no legal barrier to children being admitted out of their normal age group, but parents do not have the right to insist that their child is admitted to a particular year. A meeting with the Headteacher to discuss the details of this process should be made early in the year in which parents would be making an application for the child's normal age group so that the process may be explained in detail. Then, any request for admission outside of the normal age group should be made to the Headteacher **of each preferred school** as early as possible in the admissions round associated with that child's date of birth. This will allow the school and admissions authority sufficient time to make a decision before the closing date. Parents are not expected to provide evidence to support their request to defer their application, however where provided it must be specific to the child in question. This might include medical or Educational Psychologist reports. There is no legal requirement for this medical or educational evidence to be secured from an appropriate professional, however, failure to provide this may impede a school's ability to agree to deferral. Parents are required to **complete an application for the normal point of entry at the same time**, in case their request is declined. This application can be cancelled if the school agrees to accept a deferred application for entry into Year R the following year. Deferred applications must be made via paper Common Application Form to the Local Authority (with a Kent Summer Born Application Form if applicable), with written confirmation from each named school attached. Deferred applications will be processed in the same way as all applications for the cohort in the following admissions round, and offers will be made in accordance with each school's oversubscription criteria.

Please see Supplementary Information Form (SIF) below.

Chevening (St Botolph's) C.E. (VA) Primary School

Supplementary Information Form for September 2021 - Minister Form

Please complete Section A of this form if your church attendance fulfils any of the categories of commitment shown in Section B. DO NOT complete Section B, the school will contact the Minister on your behalf.

Please mail or email the completed form by the date stipulated by the Kent County Council Reception Common Application Form (RCAF) and return to:

The Headteacher,
Chevening (St Botolph's) C.E. (V.A.) Primary School,
Chevening Road,
Chipstead,
Sevenoaks,
Kent,
TN13 2SA

e--mail: headteacher@chevening.kent.sch.uk

Section A

Name of child:	
Date of birth:	
Name of Parent/s or Guardian/s:	
Address:	
Telephone No.	
How long have you been resident at this address?	
When did you start worshipping at the Church named below?	
Name of Church attended:	
Name of Minister:	
Address of Minister:	
Telephone No. of Minister:	

Please return the form to the Head Teacher
Do not complete Section B
The school will contact the Minister on your behalf.

Section B

The following to be completed **ONLY** by the Rector/Minister:

These boxes are for Office use only		Please confirm which category of commitment to the church best describes the church attendance patterns of the parent(s)/guardian(s) from the list below by placing a tick in the corresponding box to the right	Please tick in the relevant box below
3*	7*	Attendance of twice a month for no less than 2 years	
4*	8*	Attendance of twice a month for no less than 1 year	
5*	9*	Attendance of once a month for no less than 2 years	
6*	10*	Attendance of once a month for no less than 1 year	

*Church attendance will be calculated only for the period when churches were open for public worship.

N.B. In signing this form, you are confirming that the attendance of the parent at church services is accurate at the date of signing.

My church is a member of Churches Together in England and Wales or The 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:	
Please print name:	
Contact telephone number:	
Date:	