



# HORTON KIRBY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Amended Admissions Criteria 2021/2022

45 pupils will be admitted in the school year of their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, without reference to aptitude or ability.

Admission to the reception classes occurs at the beginning of the Autumn term. Applications for admissions must be made on the Common Application Form provided by KCC and returned by the date set. Places are offered within the recognition that Horton Kirby is a Church of England school and all successful applicants acknowledge the Christian ethos of the school.

Where places for admissions exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit. Before the application of oversubscription criteria children with a statement of special educational need or Education, Health Care Plan (EHCP) which names the school will be admitted. As a result of this, the published admissions number will be reduced accordingly. 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.

- 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 Children who have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of entry.** 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 who reside in the ecclesiastical parish boundary of Horton Kirby** (see map). Proximity of child's home being accorded highest priority as defined in 4.
- 4 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 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.

*\*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 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.*

Although parents may wish to defer their child's 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 Autumn term.

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 a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from a parent.

#### **LATE APPLICATIONS/WAITING LISTS/MULTIPLE BIRTHS:**

Procedures and arrangements for administering these issues will be in accordance with those detailed in the KCC's booklet 'Admission to Primary Schools in Kent'.

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