

St Andrews C.E. First School, Barnt Green

St Andrews C.E. First School has a distinctly Christian ethos. This underpins the values of the school and reflects its nature. We ask all parents applying for a place here to recognize and support this ethos and its importance to the school. This does not affect the right of parents who are not of the Christian faith to apply and be considered for a place at the school.

When the school is over subscribed, the following criteria will be used in the following order to decide which children will be admitted.

1. *Relevant 'Looked After' Children
2. Children whose families have attended either St.Andrews or St.Michaels churches in the Parish of Cofton Hackett and Barnt Green, at least monthly for at least the last year, and who can provide a letter from the vicar to verify this, and who live inside the neighbourhood of the School, as defined by the bold line on the map available from the School
3. Other children who live in the neighbourhood of the school, as defined by the bold line on the map available from the school.
4. Children who have a sibling attending the school at the time of the proposed admission (this includes all children living permanently in the household).
5. Children whose families have attended either St.Andrews or St.Michaels churches in the Parish of Cofton Hackett and Barnt Green, at least monthly for at least the last year, and who can provide a letter from the vicar to verify this, but who live outside the neighbourhood of the School, as defined by the bold line on the map available from the School
6. Children whose families have attended another Church of England church, at least monthly for at least the last year, and who can provide a letter from the vicar to verify this, provided there is no Church of England First, Infant or Junior and Infant School nearer to home.
7. Children whose families have attended another Christian church, at least monthly for at least the last year, and who can provide a letter from the church leader to verify this, provided there is no Christian First, Infant or Junior and Infant School nearer to home
8. Children with special, social or medical needs that, in the opinion of the professional consultants involved, can be met particularly well at St Andrew's School.
9. Other children

*Relevant is all those in the care of a Local Authority or provided with accommodation by a Local Authority under the terms of the Children Act 1989, 'looked after' at the time of application for admission and who will still be 'looked after' at the time of admission

Other points.

1. If there are not enough places to accommodate all the applicants, priority will be given to those living closest to the school. (Where necessary, this would be measured from the main school gate, via the most direct walking route, to the front door of the applicant's home address). In a very small number of cases it may not be possible to decide between the applicants of those pupils who are qualifiers for a place, when applying the published admission criteria. For example, this may occur when children in the same year group live at the same address, or where there are twins, or if the distance between the home and school is exactly the same, for example, blocks of flats. If there is no other way of separating the application according to the admissions criteria and to admit both or all of the children would cause the legal limit to be exceeded, then any available place will be allocated by random selection.

2. Children must, by law, start school by the beginning of the term after their fifth birthday. A parent may defer a child's entry to the school, but not beyond the academic year for which the application is accepted. Parents may discuss this with the headteacher.

3. Late applications for Reception Class received up to and including 12 March 2010 may be treated as being on-time, only in the following circumstances:

- i. Where a family have moved address after the closing date for on-time applications.
- ii. Where it is agreed by the governors that individual circumstances apply and the delay was reasonable, given the circumstances of the case.

4. Waiting lists for admission will remain open until the end of September and will then be discarded. Parents may apply for their child's name to be reinstated. The waiting list will be kept in admission criteria order.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE

APPLICATIONS OTHER THAN THE NORMAL INTAKE TO RECEPTION CLASS
(IN-YEAR ADMISSIONS TO ALL YEAR GROUPS) APPLICATION SHOULD BE
MADE TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY WHO WILL NEED TO CONSULT WITH
THE GOVERNORS