

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY 2010 / 2011

There are 30 places available in the Reception Class for children who are going to be five years old during the academic year.

Our published admission number is 30. Applications will be accepted until **22nd January 2010**, as determined by the Local Authority, in the year of admission 2010 / 2011. If there are more than 30 applications the Governors' Admissions Panel will meet during February/March to allocate places according to the following criteria, which are in order of priority. The Local Authority on behalf of the Governors will make offers of places in writing, on the **26th April 2010**.

Late applications received up to and including **12th March 2010**, may be treated as being on time, only in the following circumstances;

- Where a family have moved address.
- Where it is agreed by the Governors that individual circumstances apply and the delay was reasonable, given the circumstances of the case.

In each case, supporting documentary evidence will be required.

In all other circumstances, or if the application is not received until after **12th March 2010**, late applications will receive a lower priority, and will be considered after the applications received (or deemed to be) on time.

Applications received after the **12th March** for the 2010 intake year, or in respect of older year groups must be submitted directly to the school.

The school does not hold a waiting list. If there are more applications than there are places, the Governing Body's Admissions Sub-committee will assess each application in order of the school criteria, which are as follows.

- (1) Relevant 'Looked After' Children¹
- (2) The active involvement of the parent and/or child in an Anglican church within the Diocese of Worcester and whose application is supported in writing by a minister of that church, using the form G.1. This must include written confirmation of a history of at least monthly attendance for a minimum period of a year prior to the date of application.
- (3) Prospective pupils having a brother or sister attending St. George's C.E. Primary School at the time of application, and who would still be attending at the time of admission.²

¹ 'Relevant' means all those in the care of the Local Authority or provided with accommodation by the Local Authority under the terms of the Children Act 1989, 'looked after' at the time of the application for admission and who will still be 'looked after' at the time of admission.

² The sibling link, as well as brother or sister, also includes half-siblings (that is children who share one birth parent) and legally adopted children. They must be living at the same address at the time of application and admission.

- (4) Children who have special health or social need which can only be met at this school will be admitted at the discretion of the governors. These applications must be supported by a written statement from their health or social care professional at the time of application.
- (5) The active involvement of parent and/or child in the work and worship of any other established religious faith, which supports the ethos of the school. These applications must be supported by a leader of that religious community, using form G.1. This must include written confirmation of a history of at least monthly attendance for a minimum period of a year prior to the date of application.
- (6) Children who live nearest to the school by the shortest available walking route.

In the event of equi-distance applicants, lots will be drawn for any available places. This lottery will be supervised by a person independent of the governing body. Distances will be calculated in miles (to nearest tenth of a mile), on the basis of the shortest available walking route, between the front door of the applicant's home address and the front door of the school (or the Brook Street entrance if shorter).

In a very small number of cases it may not be able to decide between the applications 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 when they are twins, or if the distance between 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 the children would cause the legal limit to be exceeded, then any available place will be allocated by random selection.

Notes:

In the event of over subscription within any of the categories the next criteria will be applied.

In accordance with legislation, a child with a Statement of Special Educational Needs will be offered a place at St George's if named in the Statement.

Appeals

If a place at the school is refused there is a right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. Parents wishing to appeal should in the first instance contact the Chair of the Governors by letter, or via the school. Notification of an intention to appeal must be received within 14 days of parents being informed that a place at the school is not being offered to their child.

School Entry

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.

Applications Other Than The Normal Intake To Reception Class (In-year admissions)

Application should be made to the local authority who will need to consult with the governors.