

## The Governors' Policy for the Admission of Pupils

### Notes

In accordance with legislation children with Statements of Special Educational Needs or a Educational Health and Care Plan will be allocated a place at the school if it is named in the Statement.

<sup>1</sup> A "Looked after child" has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of the local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (eg children with foster parents) at the time of making the application to the school. A "previously looked after child" is a child who immediately moved on from that status after becoming subject to an adoption, child arrangement order or special guardianship order and includes those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

In the event that there are too many applications in any category, priority will be decided in the order indicated on the previous page, and above.

The Governors continuously operate a 'waiting list' in the event of any Year Group being over-subscribed and, once more, priority will be decided in the order on the previous page, and indicated above.

The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 provides parents with the right to an Independent Appeal Panel in cases where an application for admission is refused. If parents wish to appeal they should write to the Chair of Governors, c/o the school, within 20 days of the notification of the refusal of a place.

The Local Authority, on behalf of the Governors, will notify all parents of the outcome of their application for the September intake into Year 5.

For all other applications the communications will be with the Local Authority direct.

**\*Sibling** The sibling link, as well as brother or sister, also includes half-siblings, (that is children who share one birth parent), multiple births and legally adopted children. They must also be living at the same address.

In exceptional circumstances the Governors will consider exceeding the Published Admission Number with regard to the Worcestershire Fair Access Protocol.

**Admission of Children outside of their normal age group** Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health, effectively in the year group below or above their chronological age group.

The Local Authority will request the Headteacher of the school to reach the final decision. This will involve the Headteacher completing an educational assessment to determine whether or not it is appropriate for the individual child to delay or accelerate their entry into school and be taught outside of their chronological age group. This would not be encouraged at St John's.