

ST. JOHN'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

GOVERNORS ADMISSION POLICY – INFANT/JUNIOR SCHOOL

In reaching a decision regarding a child's entry to the School, the Governors will use the following criteria:

The standard admission number for the school is 30 and in the event of there being more applicants than places, the following order of priorities will determine admission.

However the Governors reserve the right to give priority to those for whom this is the nearest school and who have exceptional medical or social needs which makes this school the most suitable. In the case of medical or social need the application form must be accompanied by medical or social reports from an appropriate authority, eg. medical consultants or social services. (Please note that in the event of over-subscription within any category, children living closest to the school as measured in a straight line to the pedestrian entrance-gate to the main school will be given priority). Applications for entry will be accepted after the child's first birthday.

1. Children who are looked after by the local authority.
2. Children whose parents or legal guardians are committed members of and regularly* worship at the Parish Church of St. John the Apostle, Whetstone..
NB: For applications to be considered under this criterion, Form CA1 **must** be submitted bearing the signature of the parish priest..
3. Children having brothers or sisters at the school.
4. Children whose parents or legal guardians are committed members of and regularly* worship at another Anglican Church.
NB: For applications to be considered under this criterion, Form CA1 **must** be appropriately signed and accompanied by a letter of reference from your priest or minister.
5. Children whose parents or legal guardians live in the Parish of St. John the Apostle, Whetstone.
6. Children whose parents or legal guardians are committed members of and regularly* worship at a church or chapel of another Christian denomination.

NB: For applications to be considered under this criterion, Form CA1 **must** be appropriately signed and accompanied by a letter of reference from your priest or minister.

Churches which are accepted within this definition are those which are members of "Churches Together in Britain and Ireland".

7. Children whose parents or legal guardians live outside the Parish of St. John the Apostle, Whetstone.

*** "Regular worship" as referred to on this form and Form CA1 means attendance at worship at least once a fortnight over the year preceding the date of application.**

NB. Careful consideration will be given to applicants who have moved recently into the area if they are able to provide the Governors with evidence of regular worship at a Church of Anglican or other Christian denomination.

Parents or legal guardians are asked to note that acceptance of an application by the school does not represent any undertaking to admit the child into the school. All applications are considered equally according to the criteria as stated.

The school is committed to taking its fair share of vulnerable children who are hard to place, in accordance with locally agreed protocols. Accordingly, outside the normal round of admissions, the governing body are empowered to give consideration to a child where admission is requested under any local protocol which carries the agreement of both the governing body and the diocese for the current admission year. The governing body has this power even when admitting such a child would exceed the normal admission number.

RIGHT OF APPEAL

Parents or legal guardians whose preference of school is not met have the right of appeal to an appeal committee. Further information about this committee and the way in which appeals are to be made may be obtained from the Clerk to the Governors.

All applications received after the closing date will be considered in line with the Admission criteria if a vacancy becomes available after the completion of the Admissions procedure.