

All Saints' V. A. Lower School

Admissions policy for 2010

The Governors of this Church of England School will admit up to the admission number (30) of children each academic year. Children will be admitted in the September following their fourth birthday.

When there are more applications than places available, the Governors will allocate the places in accordance with the following priority order categories:

1. All "looked after" children. (see definition);
2. Pupils living in the catchment area;
3. "Very exceptional" medical grounds (see definition);
4. Siblings of pupils of All Saints;
5. Children of parents who have attended All Saints Church, Clifton once per month for a period of six months prior to application. Parents need the signature of the Rector on the application form.
6. Children who are cared for on a daily basis by person/persons living in Clifton;
7. Any other children

Notes

1. If applying these criteria results in there being more children with an equal right to admission to the school than the number of available places, the tie break will be the distance the pupil lives from the school, measured in a straight line, using a computerised mapping system. The governors will measure the distance from the address point of the pupil's home to a central point on the school site determined by the governing body of the school. The governors will not give priority within each criterion to children who meet other criteria.
2. Children who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs which names the school will be offered a place at the school. Priority will also be given to the admission of pupils in accordance with the In-Year Fair Access Protocol.
3. The governors will normally offer a place at the school if parents apply for a place during the normal admissions round. The local authority will notify the parents if their application has been successful. However, if a pupil moves into the village outside the normal admissions round (or after the allocation process has been completed) it may be more difficult to offer a place at the school if this would mean exceeding the admission number. In this case, the local authority will offer a place at the nearest local authority maintained school to the pupil's home address which caters for pupils of the same age.

Definitions

'Looked after' children

The Children Act 1989 defines a child who is 'looked after' as a child or young person who is accommodated by the local authority (Section 20) or a child or young person who is the subject of a full care order (Section 38) or interim care order (Section 31).

Sibling

A sibling is defined as a brother or sister, or any other child who permanently resides at the same address and for whom the applicant has parental responsibility. That sibling must be in the school at the time of application and be likely to remain in the school at the proposed date of admission.

'Very Exceptional' Medical Grounds

'Very exceptional' medical grounds refers to cases where there are **exceptional** medical reasons which make it **essential** that a child should attend a particular school and where the preferred school is the **only** school locally that could meet the child's needs. A medical report from the child's doctor or consultant must be submitted with the application form, setting out valid medical reasons why it is essential for the child to be admitted to the school in question and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school. The comments of the Authority's medical officer may be sought to decide whether it is essential for a child to be admitted to the preferred school on medical grounds. Admission on medical grounds cannot be considered where the medical condition relates to that of a parent, brother or sister or other relative/childminder.

Home Address

A pupil's home address will be regarded as the address of the parents or guardians with parental responsibility with whom the child normally lives. This will not usually include grandparents, aunts or uncles. Where a child spends time with parents at more than one address, the address used to allocate a school place will be the one at which the pupil is ordinarily resident and where the child spends the majority of the school week (Mondays to Fridays) including nights. If there is any query on the home address this will be checked against official documentation.

Admission Arrangements

- Parents wishing their child to attend All Saints' Lower School need to apply to the LA by 30th September 2009 for entry in September 2010, using the LA form.
- Children start their reception year in the September of the year in which they become five (i.e. born between 1st September 2005-31st August 2006)

- The children will have a phased entry into the reception class beginning with a part time placement and building up gradually. By January we would hope that most children are mature enough to cope with a full time place.
- Before a child starts school a member of staff from the Foundation stage or the headteacher will make a home visit so that we can get to know the child in familiar surroundings. This also gives you an opportunity to tell us about your child and ask any questions you may have.
- Pre-school and local nurseries visit as a group before the children start. There is also an afternoon in the term before the child starts when parents and children look around the school and spend time in the reception class. If you are not associated with local providers you are welcome to arrange you own visit by phoning the school office. (01462 628444)