

## ADMISSIONS POLICY

Admissions to the school are the responsibility of the Governors. The Admissions Panel, comprising three of their number and the Headteacher, acts on their behalf. 240 students may be admitted each year.

The agreement between the Governors and the Authority concerning admissions lays down the procedures to be followed.

1. Of the 240 admitted each year:

First priority will be given to looked after children who meet the faith criteria and statemented children where the school is named in the statement.

- a) 130 shall be children who are, or whose parents / guardians are, in regular attendance at an Anglican Church.
  - b) 70 shall be children who are, or whose parents / guardians are, in regular attendance at a church of another Christian denomination, being any church in membership of or sharing the statement of belief of Churches Together in England.
  - c) 40 shall be children who are, and / or whose parents / guardians are, members of other faiths and in regular attendance at a place of worship within the faith tradition.
2. For categories (a), (b) and (c) a reference completed and signed by an authorised religious leader is required.
3. If there are insufficient applications that fulfil the criteria for a particular category, the Panel shall have discretion to fill those places with applicants who meet the faith criteria from other oversubscribed categories.
4. If any of the categories (a) to (c) are oversubscribed, the Panel shall prioritise the applications within each category in accordance with the following criteria, in this order:
- (i) Those whose applications have been received by the closing date.
  - (ii) Exceptional social and / or medical reasons in support of an application for a place in categories (a) to (c) (documentary evidence will be required).
  - (iii) The degree of commitment to a particular denomination or faith demonstrated by the family. Frequency of worship within the faith tradition and the number of years this has been sustained. (See Section 2)
  - (iv) Attendance at a Church of England primary school.

- (v) Children who have been baptised; categories (a) and (b) only.
- (vi) An older brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission.
- (vii) Proximity to the school.