

NURSERY ADMISSION POLICY

All Saints School has a distinctive Christian ethos that is at the heart of the school and provides an inclusive, caring and supportive environment where children learn and flourish in a setting shaped by Christian values.

On receiving applications, the Governors' Admissions committee will assign each one into its appropriate category, and will adhere strictly to the rank order when making decisions on offering places. Should applications for admissions of equal strength exceed the number of places available as the oversubscription criteria are being used, it will be necessary to make decision on proximity of the applicant's home address to the school.

Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and who have an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) and whose application names this school will be allocated a place before other applicants are considered. The number of places available will therefore be reduced appropriately.

- 1 Looked After Children
- 2 Children who have an older sibling on roll at the time of entry, whose parent(s) are regular and faithful worshippers at their church.
- 3 Children with an exceptional medical or social need for a place at All Saints School. This must be supported by written evidence from a specialist health professional or social worker **at the time of application**, setting out the reasons why this school is the most suitable, and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.
- 4 Children whose parent(s) are regular and faithful worshippers at All Saints Church, Carshalton.
- 5 Children whose parent(s) are regular and faithful worshippers at an Anglican or recognised Free Church, for whom this is the closest Anglican Church Primary School.
- 6 Children who have an older sibling on roll at the time of entry.
- 7 Children whose parent(s) worship at a Christian Church but do not fall into the above categories.
- 8 Proximity to the child's house from school, being measured as detailed in the explanatory notes, with those living nearer having priority.

Any permanent withdrawal of a child from Nursery will require 2 weeks written notice.

Please refer to Explanatory Notes overleaf.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Governors anticipate that pupils will take part in all Christian worship at the school, and will attend Religious Education lessons. Teaching and worship at the School will be in accordance with the aims and ideals of a Church of England School.

Category 1

A “Looked After Child” is a child in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, a Local Authority as of the closing date for applications.

Categories 2, 4, 5 and 7

Evidence will be sought from the Rector, Vicar, Minister (or senior church official where the living is vacant), of the church where the parent/s regularly worship. If a family has recently moved into the area, evidence of attendance will be required from their previous Clergy. A recognised Free Church is defined as being a member of a recognised Christian body, such as *Churches Together in England* or the *Evangelical Alliance*.

Sibling

The definition of a **sibling**, is a blood relative, step-sibling, half-sibling, adopted and foster children living as part of the same family unit at the same address from Monday to Friday. A **parent** is the person who has parental responsibility of the child, or who is the main carer and provider for the child.

Regular and Faithful Worshippers

The phrase **regular and faithful worshippers** is considered to be at least one parent’s regular attendance (*at least fortnightly*) of at least **two years** at a main church service, **at the time of application**.

Home Address

The address on the application must be your child’s **permanent place of residence**. It should **not** be a business, relative or carer/childminder’s address. Nor is it permitted for you to use a temporarily rented address to secure a school place for your child. The address will normally be the parents’ address. If the parents do not live together, it should be the parent with whom the child spends the majority of the time. This will normally be the main address held by the primary school and the address of the parent who receives Child Benefit in respect of the child. This should also be the case if there is a formal equal share custody arrangement between the parents.

All **distances** will be measured by the computerised Geographical Information System maintained by London Borough of Sutton Admissions Team. The address to be used for the initial allocation of places will be the child’s address at the closing date for applications. The address to be used for waiting lists, after the initial allocation, and for mid-term admissions, will be the child’s current address. Any offer is conditional upon the child living at the appropriate address on the relevant date. *Parents have a responsibility to notify the school and the Local Authority of any change of address.*

Where two or more applicants share priority for a place, for example where two children live equidistant from school, and where only one place is available, the child to be allocated will be selected by the drawing of lots. Where a parent applies for entry into the same year group for more than one child but only one place is available, the unsuccessful child/ren will be added to the waiting list in accordance with the published admission criteria.

Note:

Attendance at All Saints Nursery does not guarantee any child admission to Reception class, nor do children who attend All Saints Nursery receive any preference when applying for a Reception place. All parents wishing to apply for a place at All Saints School must make an application in the usual way through the Local Authority, as well as completing the School’s supplementary form.

Nursery places are available for morning or afternoon sessions, and children are expected to attend each day of the week.

Parents who are unsuccessful in obtaining a place have the **RIGHT TO APPEAL** to an Independent Appeal Panel. Parents wishing to appeal should obtain an appeal form from the school, and return the completed form to the Clerk to the Appeal Panel c/o All Saints School within the timescale of 20 school days from the notification of their application being unsuccessful.