

East Crompton St. James' C. E. Primary School

Admissions Policy

The Governors welcome applications from families. Admissions to an aided school are the responsibilities of the Governors, in agreement with the Diocesan Board of Education and the Local Authority.

The planned admission to the school is 30. The admission number has been determined in relation to the net capacity of the school and the necessity to comply with Infant class size legislation.

Children with Statement of Special Educational Need

All governing bodies are required by section 324 of the Education Act 1996 to admit to the school a child with a statement of special educational needs that names the school. This is not an oversubscription criterion, as school must admit such children whether there are places or not.

At the annual allocation of Reception places for September any child with a statement of special educational needs that names the school will be offered a place before any other children are admitted. The following oversubscription criteria will then be applied to all other applications.

Oversubscription.

Schools that have enough places for all children that apply, must offer every child a place. When there are more applications than school places the school becomes over subscribed and schools must have a clear oversubscription criteria that will be applied to determine priority for admission. The stated oversubscription criteria are the only circumstances that will be taken into account should it become necessary to prioritise children for admission.

Oversubscription Criteria.

If there are more applications than places available, the Governors will offer the places in the following order

1. Children in public care.
2. Children with a brother or sister (sibling) attending the school at the same time as admission. (see note 1).
3. Children and a parent/guardian who is in regular attendance at any of the Anglican churches within the Parish (currently St. James' and St. Saviour's). (See note 2)
4. Children and a parent/guardian who is in regular attendance at another Anglican church.(See note 2).
5. Children and a parent/guardian who is in regular attendance at a church which is a member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland or a local Churches Together organisation (see notes 2 and 3).
6. Geographical proximity to the school from the home address to the main gate of the school (see note 4).

Notes.

1. Sibling means brothers, sisters, step, half, foster or adopted who will be living at the same permanent address. Only siblings who will actually still be attending the school when the new child starts will be taken into account.
2. Regular attendance at church means at least twice per month, for one year **prior to application** to the school. Evidence of regular attendance of the child and a parent/guardian must be provided by a member of the clergy or other designated church officer.
3. Churches Together a separate list is attached.
4. The Local Authority, using the LA Geographical Information System, Post Office Post Code data and the Ordnance Survey mapping data, will calculate the distance between home and school for all children who apply. All distance measurements will be in a straight line between the two geographical data points of the home and the school. With those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.
5. If you do not complete and submit the school Supplementary Information Form any church connection will not be able to be taken into account. Your application will then be based on Criteria 6, geographical proximity.
6. A child attending St. James Parish Nursery (Childcare Village) does not receive any priority in applying for admission to St. James' School.
7. Twins. Where there are twins wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the governing body will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. If only one place can be offered then parents will be advised that the place will be offered to the older twin. Parents should go to appeal for the other twin, though with the Infant Class Size legislation, it is unlikely that an appeal panel will overturn the decision of the governing body.

Right of Appeal.

Where the Governors are unable to offer a place because the school is oversubscribed, the parents have the right to appeal to an independent admission appeal panel, set up under the School Standards and Framework Act, 1998, as amended by the Education Act, 2002. Parents should contact the Local Authority to request an appeal form. Parents will have the opportunity to present their case to the panel in writing and also attend in order to present their case. Normally you will receive 14 days notice of the place and time of the hearing.

Letter of appeal should be sent to: Constitutional Services, Room 447, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1UL.

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

Member churches

Antiochian Orthodox Church
Baptist Union of Great Britain
Cherubim and Seraphim Council of Churches
Church in Wales
Church of England
Church of God of Prophecy
Church of Ireland
Church of Scotland
Congregational Federation

Council of African and Caribbean Churches UK
Council of Oriental Orthodox Churches
Evangelische Synode Deutscher Sprache in Grossbritannien
Independent Methodist Churches
International Ministerial Council of Great Britain
Joint Council for Anglo-Caribbean Churches
Lutheran Council of Great Britain
Methodist Church
Methodist Church in Ireland
Moravian Church
New Testament Assembly
New Testament Church of God
Oecumenical Patriarchate (Arch. of Thyateira and Great Britain)
Presbyterian Church of Wales
Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales
Roman Catholic Church in Scotland
Religious Society of Friends
Russian Orthodox Church
Salvation Army
Scottish Episcopal Church
Serbian Orthodox Church
Trans Atlantic and Pacific Alliance of Churches
Undeb Yr Annibynwyr Cymraeg
United Free Church of Scotland
United Reformed Church
Wesleyan Holiness Church