

St. Mary's Church of England Primary School High Crompton



ADMISSIONS Policy (2010/11)

Admissions to an Aided school are the responsibility of the Governors, in agreement with the Diocesan Board of Education and the Local Authority.

The standard number agreed for admission for each class is 30.

Responsibility for admissions is delegated to the Governors' Admissions Committee.

In all circumstances, highest priority will be given to applications from statemented children whose statement names the school.

When all other applications are received, the following criteria will apply, in order, in the event of oversubscription:

1.	Looked after children (children in public care)
2.	Children whose medical or social circumstances mean that their needs can only be met at this school. (see note a)
3.	Children who will have a sibling attending the school at the time of their admission - (see note b)
4.	Children whose parent(s)/guardian(s) and the child regularly attends St Mary's Church, High Crompton - (see note c)
5.	Children whose parent(s)/guardian(s) and the child regularly attends at any Anglican Church- (see note c)
6.	The next 3 places allocated to any children based on geographical proximity to the school
7.	Children whose parent(s)/guardian(s) and the child regularly attends at a church of another denomination.
8.	Children who do not fulfil the above criteria, based on the proximity of their homes to school. (see d below)

Footnotes:

- a) For further clarification of medical and social reasons, please refer to LA guidelines. Applications to be considered in this category must be accompanied by documentary evidence from appropriate persons (e.g. doctor, pre-school special needs service, educational psychologist, social worker, other relevant person)
- b) A 'sibling' is a brother or sister, including stepsiblings, an adopted sibling, a long term fostered sibling, or a child of parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling. A school place cannot be guaranteed for 'new' step siblings in cases where the step-sibling moves into the family home after the normal admission date and the required class is full.

- c) Regular attendance is normally taken to mean a minimum of two services a month at church at public worship for at least the year prior to 1st September in the year before application to the school. Evidence of regular attendance of the child and one parent(s)/guardian(s) must be provided by a member of the clergy or other designated church officer on the form provided.
- d) When measuring distance between the home address and the school, the governors will use a straight line measure between the home postcode and the school postcode. The LA will provide all measurements of distance.

Please note

If, when considering places for children who fall within the same admission criteria, there are more applicants than places available, the Governors will use geographical proximity to the school, as described above, to determine which of these children will be admitted.

Address of Applicant

When considering a request for admission to St. Mary's C of E Primary School, the only address the Governors can consider is the address of the adult(s) with whom the child is permanently resident.

Moreover, the Governors can only consider the parents' address at the time of the allocation process. An intention to change address cannot be considered by the Governors until such a move has actually taken place and proof is available to substantiate the change of address.

The place offered will be withdrawn, if a false address is given, or one where the child is not actually living when he/she is not in school, Please contact the headteacher if you have any queries in this respect.

RIGHT OF APPEAL:

Where the governors are unable to offer a place because the school is over subscribed, 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 notify the clerk to the governors at the school within 14 days of receiving the letter refusing a place. Parents will have the opportunity to submit their case to the panel in writing and also to attend in order to present their case. You will normally receive 14 days' notice of the place and time of the hearing.

Letters of appeal should be sent to:

Appeals Body
Pupil Services
Oldham MBC
Level 6
Civic Centre
West St
Oldham
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