

Nursery Admissions Policy

1. Introduction

- 1.1 All Saints' is a Church of England Voluntary Aided Infant School and Nursery Unit serving the priority area of:

The area between Coventry Road, High Street, King Street, Bulkington Road (all roads inclusive), the Coventry Canal to Coalpit Fields Road and along the route of the disused mineral railway to the Black Bank Public House (see map enclosed). **Admissions are determined by the Governors.**

- 1.2 In determining their policy the Governors have endeavoured to serve families of the local community whilst seeking to preserve the Christian ethos of the school.

2. Aims and Objectives

- 2.1 We are an inclusive school that welcomes children from all backgrounds and abilities. All applications will be treated fairly, according to our criteria and in a sensitive manner.
- 2.2 The only restriction we place on entry is that of number. All Saints is a highly regarded school and nursery unit, commended by OFSTED as "an effective, very caring school where pupils do well and enjoy school life". As such there is a heavy demand for places and in recent years we have admitted the maximum number to Nursery. *If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available, we apply the procedure set out below in order to determine whether a child is accepted or not.*
- 2.3 It is our wish to allow parents the right to have a place at the Nursery of their choice. However, this is not always possible, due to the excess demand on the Nursery places available.
- 2.4 The level of ability of a child or any special needs that s/he may have plays no part in the admissions policy to the Nursery.
- 2.5 **If your child is in Nursery they are not automatically guaranteed a place in All Saints C of E Infant School.** The Admissions criteria are applied to children starting in school from Nursery and outside.

3. Standard Number

- 3.1 The Governors will admit all applications up to the published admissions number of 60 part time places.

4. How Parents Can Apply for their Child to be Admitted to our Nursery

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- 4.1 As a nursery All Saints admits children in to school in the September following their third birthday, the children stay until they transfer to an infant school, in the September following their fourth birthday.
- 4.2 Parents who are considering All Saints as the nursery for their child are encouraged to make an appointment to visit the school and meet the Headteacher. Children's details may be given to the Secretary at any age, but places are not offered on a "first come first served" basis.
- 4.3 All applications are considered together, after 31 January, and places are offered in March for the following September.

5. Admissions Criteria

- 5.1 When the nursery has more applications than places, places are offered according to the admissions criteria, in the following order of priority:

1. First Priority are Looked After Children in the care of an LEA within the Diocese of Coventry.

Priority within this criterion will be given to:

- a) Children of parents who are regular worshippers of All Saints Church, Bedworth (substantiation will be sought by the Governors from the Priest-in-Charge) and regular attendance is deemed to be at least once a month for six months.
- b) Children of parents who are regular worshipping members of local mainstream Christian churches. (Member Churches of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland).
- c) Children of parents who are regular worshipping members of a mainstream faith represented in the Inter-Faith Network of the UK other than those included in a) and b) above.
- d) Children who live nearest the school, by the shortest walking route.

2. Children who have an elder brother or sister at the school at the time of admission.

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- d) Children who live nearest the school, by the shortest walking route.

Then;

- 2 Children living in the given priority area

Priority within this criterion will be given as listed a), b), c) and d) above

Then;

- 3 Children living outside the given priority area

Priority within this criterion will be given as listed a), b), c) and d) above.

5.2 Definition of Brother and Sister

Brother or sister means related by blood, sharing in a common genetic inheritance. The cases below qualify as brother or sister. Fostered children do not count as brother or sister:

- Full brother or sister, both parents have contributed to the genes of the child and are partners at one address.
- Half brother or sister; one parent has contributed to the genes of the child living at the same address.
- Stepbrother or stepsister; parent is the main partner, living with the family, recognised as a legal guardian of the named child.
- Adopted children. Legally adopted and living with named guardians.

Fostered Children are admitted according to the other main criteria. School will of course admit fostered children showing no discrimination or favour as numbers allow.

6. Appeals

- 6.1 If a child is refused admission to the nursery, the parents do not have formal rights of appeal against the Governors decision.
- 6.2 The Governors cannot consider repeat applications in the same year unless there has been a significant change in circumstances.

7. Reserve List

- 7.1 The school will hold details of children initially unable to secure a place, and will offer any places, which subsequently become available, using the admissions criteria, in order of priority, as previously stated. This list will be held until the start of term.

8. Admissions at Other Times

- 8.1 If the nursery has a vacancy, this is filled on request
- 8.2 Applications are refused if the numbers are equal to or higher than 60
- 8.3 Places are not offered more than six weeks ahead of the date for admission

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- 8.4 In the event of a place being refused parents are advised of the appeals process
- 8.5 In the event of an application being made to admit a child beyond the standard number, other than at the normal time for entry, and the child lives within the school's priority area, the Headteacher seeks the advice of the Diocesan Board of Education
- 8.6 The school retains applications for places on a reserve list only at the request of a parent. If a vacancy in nursery becomes available the admissions criteria published in the school's policy is applied.

Throughout the admissions process the school liaises closely with local nurseries and requests advice from the Diocesan Board of Education and the Local Education Authority.

Signed:

Date:
