

ADMISSIONS POLICY 2019-20
St George's Beneficial Church of England Primary School

This policy will apply to all admissions for the academic year 2019-20 including in year applications.

The Published Admission Number is 50 for September 2019.

If the school is oversubscribed, applications will be considered first according to the following priorities in the order set out below: -

1. Children who are looked after by a local authority (i.e. in their care or provided with accommodation by the authority for a continuous period of more than 24 hours). Children who were previously looked after but immediately following being looked after became subject to an adoption order, residence or special guardianship order..
2. Children or families who have a significant medical, physical, psychological or social need. Evidence must be attached with the application form. Applications under this criterion must be supported by written evidence from an appropriate professional involved stating clearly why the preferred school is the most appropriate for the child and reasons why other schools in the city are inappropriate.
3. Children living within the school's designated catchment area. (If the school cannot admit all applications from the catchment area, applicants will be ranked within this category in accordance with priorities i) to v) below:
 - i) children who have a brother or sister (living within the same household) already on roll and who will still be attending the school the following academic year;

Note – this category does include step-brothers/step-sisters, adoptive and foster brothers/sisters living within the same household or children whose parents are married or cohabiting and live together within the same household.
 - ii) Children whose parents have a religious conviction for attending the school;
 - iii) children eligible for service premium
 - iv) children of staff employed at the school
 - (a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for 2 or more years at the time at which the application is made, and or
 - (b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage
 - v) children who live closest to the school, based on the shortest distance from home to school, measured on straight line 'as the crow flies'.

4. Children living outside the school's catchment area in the following priority order: -
- i) children who have a brother or sister (living within the same household) already on roll and who will still be attending the school the following academic year;
 - ii) Children whose parents have a religious conviction for attending the school;
 - iii) children eligible for service premium

Note - service premium is paid to eligible children of armed services personnel under S14 of the Education Act 2002

- iv) children of staff employed at the school
 - (a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for 2 or more years at the time at which the application is made, and or
 - (b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage
- v) children who live closest to the school, based on the shortest distance from home to school, measured on straight line 'as the crow flies'.

Note: Should a school be oversubscribed from within any criteria then any additional criteria will be used to prioritise applications within these categories.

Displaced Sibling

Where the LA is unable to meet a parental preference in relation to a catchment school, the LA will have to allocate a place at a lower preference school or even allocate the next nearest school with places available. Parents may prefer to then try and get a place for sibling at the same school at a later stage. In such instances, this school could then be treated as the catchment school for subsequent sibling applications. Parents would have to notify the LA on application that they consider this exception applies. If the application was for the actual catchment school this criterion would still be applied. This would be applicable to Portsmouth schools who have catchment criterion as part of their admissions policy.

Pupils with a statement of special educational needs or statutory education, health and care plan

The Admissions code states " *all children whose statement of special educational need (SEN) or Education Health and Care (EHC) plan names the school must be admitted*". These children will have priority for admission over and above all other admission applications and will be included in the admissions allocation process.