



Charlton Kings Infants' School

Admission Policy 2020

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The policy should be read in conjunction with the Guidance Booklet issued by Gloucestershire County Council for schools and academies.

For further information on admissions please contact the Admissions Team at Shire Hall, Gloucester, GL1 2TP (01452 425407) or go to:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions/startingprimary

Our policy is published on the Gloucestershire County Council's website and on the school website: www.ckis.org.uk

The Policy

The Planned Admission Number for Charlton Kings Infants' School is 90 and should not be exceeded, as stated in Section One of the School Standards & Framework Act 1998 (as amended by the Education Act 2002) and the Education (Infant class Sizes) (England) regulations 1998. A maximum of 30 children will be admitted into each of the three reception classes. Pupils will normally be admitted in the school year in which they reach their fifth birthday.

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order stated below:

1. Children in Care ('Looked after child') ⁽¹⁾ or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption ⁽²⁾, child arrangements order ⁽³⁾ or special guardianship order ⁽⁴⁾.

Notes:

- (1) *A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of the local authority (LA), or (b) being provided with accommodation by a LA in the exercise of their social services functions (see definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. In Gloucestershire, such children are referred to as Children in Care.*
 - (2) *This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (section 12 Adoption Orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children's Act 2002 (section 46 Adoption Orders).*
 - (3) *Under the provisions of section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which amend section 8 of the Children Act 1989, residence orders have now been replaced by child arrangement orders.*
 - (4) *See section 14a of the Children Act 1989 which defines a special guardianship order as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).*
2. Children who have a sibling who will be attending Charlton Kings Infants' School or Charlton Kings Junior School at the time of reception admission (ie a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of a parent/carer's partner).

Note: The older child must be continuing to attend either school when the younger child is admitted and in every case the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address.

3. Children of full or part time salaried members of staff of Charlton Kings Infants' School who have been employed at the school for two years or more at the time of the application for admission.
4. Children with the strongest geographical claim in the year in which the child is to start school on the closing date for applications.

Note: The distance will be measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey point of the school. Those living the closest will receive the higher priority.

Special notes:

The school is required to admit a child with a Statement of Special Educational Need (SEN) or Education Health Care Plan (EHC Plan) if it names the school even if the school is full.

Where any particular category at points 1-4 above is oversubscribed, criterion 5 (strongest geographical claim based on straight line distance) will be used to determine which child is offered a place.

In the event of a tie between two or more children, when applying criterion 5, the strongest geographical claim will be measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey point from the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey address point of the school using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority. This is overseen by an independent person from the Legal Services and Monitoring Team.

Summer born children

Please contact the school, in the first instance, to discuss any concerns and options, already in place, with regard to your summer born child.

Also refer to the Summer Born factsheet (deferred admission) available to download from the GCC website:

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions/startingprimary>

Appeals:

Parents/carers have a right to appeal against refusal, by the Governing Body, to admit their child (ren) to our school. Any appeal must be in writing and addressed to the Clerk to the Governors as soon as possible after reconsideration.

Appeals will be arranged in accordance with the *Code of Practice on Admission Appeals*.

Further details about the appeal process are available from the Clerk to the Governors via the school office (01242 514483).

Waiting List

If the school is oversubscribed, a waiting list will be held for the first two school terms (ie until the end of December). The waiting list will be prioritised according to the school's oversubscription criteria.

The school has signed up to the In-Year Fair Access Protocols held by the Local Authority. Should a vulnerable child within these protocols require a place at the school, they will take precedent over any child on the waiting list.

In Year Admission

Applications made outside the normal round of admissions for children of compulsory school age (ie Reception to Year 2) must be made directly to the school. However the Local Authority maintains a statutory duty of being aware of all pupils and vacancies within schools and academies.

Transport

School transport is not available at this school.

This policy was approved by the Governing Body at their meeting on Thursday 30th November, 2017