



Admissions Policy 2020/21

1. Introduction

The admissions policy for St Andrews has been compiled and should be read in conjunction with the Schools Admission Guidance Booklet. This can be found at www.goucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions. It has also been guided by our Church School value of Justice in that the admission process should be fair and just for all.

The Governors have set out the indicated admissions number of 14.

Admissions Criteria

Where applications for admissions exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below, to decide on which children to admit.

1. **Children in Public Care** (Looked after children). Our highest priority for admission must be given to looked after children or children who have previously been looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. A Looked after child is:
 - (a) in the care of the Local Authority, or
 - (b) being provided with accommodation by the Local Authority in the exercise of their social service functions-see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989.
2. **Children who have a sibling attending the school** and who will continue to do so when the younger child is admitted. A sibling is a brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of a parent's/carer's partner, and in every case the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address.
3. **Children who live within the designated ecclesiastical boundaries of Chedworth and Yanworth** as shown on the map in the office.
4. **Children for whom only one particular school is** appropriate due to an exceptional medical condition. Applications under this criterion will only be considered if they are supported by a written statement from the child's doctor. This must demonstrate that there is a very specific connection between the medical need and the facilities or resources of St Andrews.
5. **Children with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line** from the Ordnance Survey address point of 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 higher priority.

In the event of oversubscription and in the event of a tie break situation, where two or more children live an identical distance from the school, places will be offered to both children.

2. SEND

The school is required to admit a child with a statement of Special Educational Needs that names the school, even if the school is full.

3. Appeals

If a Parent or Carer wishes to appeal against any decision made regarding their child's admission to school they must send a letter to the School Governors addressed to the Chair of Governors through the Clerk.

4. Waiting Lists

If the school is oversubscribed, a waiting list will be held for the first school term. The waiting list will be prioritised according to the school's admissions criteria.

5. In Year Admissions

For In Year applications only, the parent should apply directly to the preferred school in the first instance.

6. Fair Access Protocols

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.

7. Transport

There is no transport to the school run by either the school or the Local Authority.

Policy Information

The approval of this policy has not been delegated to any Sub-Committee and as such is approved only by the Full Governor Body.

This policy was reviewed and last approved on 24th September 2018.

This policy will be reviewed and approved annually.

This policy will be published on the School Website so that it is freely available to parents to inspect at any time.