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Admission Policy

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STAUNTON AND CORSE C. OF E. ACADEMY
ADMISSIONS POLICY 2019-2020

Staunton & Corse Academy is a Church of England School. It is a Voluntary Aided School. The School Governing Body is the Admissions Authority.

In accordance with the Education Act 2002, this Admissions Policy has been produced in consultation with the Diocese of Gloucester and the Local Education Authority.

Any parents of children of primary age are welcome to approach the School for a place for their child.

The School's indicated admission number for each year group is 18.

In the event of over subscription for places at the School preference will be given in the following order:-

1. to looked after children, or to children who were previously looked after. *
2. to children, who live in the ecclesiastical parishes of Staunton and Corse, wanting to join siblings* already attending the School and whose siblings will continue to be in attendance when the younger child is admitted. A map showing the boundaries of the ecclesiastical parishes is available for inspection at the School if necessary.
3. to children living in the ecclesiastical parishes of Staunton and Corse.
4. to 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 this school.
5. to children, who live outside the ecclesiastical parishes of Staunton and Corse, wanting to join siblings** already attending the School and whose siblings will continue to be in attendance when the younger child is admitted.
6. to any other children.

Reception Entry children

Children are entitled to a full-time place from the September following their fourth birthday, however, children may attend part-time until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age.

Admission of Summer Born Children for Reception Entry

The Governing Body acknowledges the updated advice from the Department of Education that, parents/carers of "summer born" children (born between 1 April and 31 August) may request to start the Reception Class of a school a whole academic year later. The Governing Body will make individual decisions on behalf of Staunton & Corse C of E Academy. We follow the Local Authority process which states that parents can only apply for a Reception place at a school once and must apply for a place during the standard application process timeline for their chronological year group, stating their reasons for requesting deferred entry to the following

year. The Governing Body will decide whether the deferred entry can be approved for the school.

Normal Admission Round

The term 'normal admissions round' refers to all applications for admission to the main year of entry of the school i.e. Reception for Infant and Primary Schools. Applications made during the normal admissions round will be made in advance of the academic year in which the child is due to start at the new school. Children are entitled to a full-time place, however, may attend part-time until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age.

Looked After Children/Previously Looked After Children Definition

A '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 (residency order) (3) or special guardianship order (4) .

- (1) A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the 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 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders).
- (3) Under the provisions of s.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 arrangements 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).

****The admission criteria offers a higher priority for children with siblings who will be attending the school when the applicant child is admitted. For this purpose, sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner as well as children who are brought together as a family by a same sex civil partnership. In every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address, at the time of application.**

If the number of places available is exceeded in any category by children wishing to attend the school, then available places in that category will be allocated by the Governors to 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.

There is an Appeals Procedure in the event of oversubscription and this consists of writing to the Governing body in the first instance. This must take place by the 30th April in the year in which the child begins school, for example for the September 2020 intake letters must be received by the 30th April 2020.

The school is required to admit a child with a statement of Special Educational Needs or Educational Health Care plan (EHC) that names the school, even if the school is full.

If the school is oversubscribed, a waiting list will be held for (at least) the first school term (i.e. until 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.

No school transport is available for children attending Staunton & Corse C of E Academy.

This policy was reviewed in January 2019