

SAPPERTON C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 ENTRY

If you wish your child to be admitted to Sapperton C of E Primary School, you are invited to place your child's name on the school's admission list. Note: this is not compulsory and does not guarantee a place at the school. It must also be noted that the date of registration of your child's name on the school's admission list confers no priority.

Parents are invited to view the school by appointment. Admissions decisions are the responsibility of the Governors who have agreed that the number of places made available each year will be **twelve**. Admission decisions are made late in the Spring Term.

Application for registration of your child with your preferred school should be made to the Admissions and Transfers Team online at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Should you not have access to a computer a paper admissions pack may be requested from Gloucestershire County Council at Shire Hall, Gloucester GL1 2TP via the Admissions and Transfers Team.

Where applicants exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit:-

1. Children in Public Care – (looked after Children) – the highest priority for admission must be given to 'looked after children' or children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. 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).

2. Children who will have siblings attending Sapperton C of E Primary School and who will continue to do so when the younger child is admitted.

(Definition of "sibling". "a brother or sister, half-brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the 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 from the villages of Coates, Frampton Mansell and Sapperton. (See map – available at the school).

4. Children whose parents attend regular worship of a Christian Church that is a member of Churches Together in England.

(Definition of "Regular worship". "having attended the principal act of worship on a Sunday at least once a month on average during the two years prior to consideration of the application with that attendance confirmed by the vicar/priest in writing")

5. Children for whom only one particular school is appropriate due to an exceptional medical condition.

Application under these criteria 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 the school concerned.

NOTE 1: In the event of over-subscription in any categories above, places will be offered to those children with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home (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.

"Where any particular category at points 1-5 is oversubscribed, criterion 6 (strongest geographical claim based on straight line distance) will be used to determine which child will be offered a place".

In the event of a tie between two or more children when applying criterion 6 (strongest geographical claim based on straight line distance) where there are not enough places available to offer all children a place at the school, a process of random allocation will be followed by the Governing Body.

NOTE 2: The school is required to admit a child with an EHCP (Educational Health Care Plan) that names the school, even if the school is full.

Appeals: Parents whose application for a place at the school has been unsuccessful have the right of appeal to an independent Appeal Panel. Appeals, which should be in writing, should be sent to the school for the attention of the Clerk to the Governors.

It would be appreciated if requests for appeals for entry of the reception year (September 2020) are made by 30th April 2020.

Waiting List: 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 oversubscription criteria. Such list will be kept open until the end of the December term.

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.

In-Year Admissions: For in-year applications only, the parent should apply directly to the preferred schools in the first instance.

Transport: School transport is provided free of charge by a contractor appointed by Gloucestershire County Council for those children living in the village of Coates.