



Admissions Policy for September 2026 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 Co-ordinated Admissions 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 Co-ordinated Admissions 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. The 2021 School Admission Code (the Code) requires children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted to be given equal first priority in admission arrangements, alongside looked after children (LAC) and children who were previously looked after by English local authorities (PLAC). This advice refers to these children as internationally adopted previously looked after children (IAPLAC).

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 <https://www.sapfmpc.uk/> <http://www.coatesparish.org.uk/> .

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")



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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.

6. Distance

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.

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: 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: If the Governors are unable to offer your child a place because of over subscription you as a parent have a right of appeal. You should notify the Clerk to the Governors of Sapperton C of E Primary School within 20 days of receiving the letter which will give the grounds for refusing a place. As a parent you will have an opportunity to submit your case to an independent appeals panel. You must set out your grounds for the appeal in writing. You will normally receive at least 10 days' notice of the time and venue for the appeal hearing where you will be able to present your case in person. Decision letters will be sent within 5 school days of the hearing wherever possible.

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.

Deferred entry for infants: Parents offered a place for their child have a right to defer entry, or to take a place up part-time, until the start of the term beginning immediately after their child has reached compulsory school age of 5. However, places cannot be deferred until the next academic year.