

St John's CE Infant School

Oversubscription criteria: 2018

Before the application of oversubscription criteria, children with a statement of special educational need or Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school will be admitted. As a result of this, the published admissions number will be reduced accordingly. A Statement of Special Educational Need is a statement made by the local authority under Section 324 of the Education Act 1996 specifying the special educational provision required for that child. An Education, Health and Care plan is a plan made by the local authority under Section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014 specifying the special education provision required for that child

If there are more applications to St John's CE Infants School than there are places the following oversubscription criteria will be applied by the governors.

1. Looked after children Children in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care (as defined by the Medway coordinated admission scheme)

- a child under the age of 18 years for whom the local authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or who is the subject of a care order under Part IV of the Act. This applies equally to children who immediately after being looked after by the local authority became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. (As defined by Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or Section 8 or 14A of the Children Act 1989).

2. Sibling (a brother or sister attending the St John's Infants at the time of application and who will still be attending in September 2017). Sibling means children who live as brother/sister in the same house and includes natural siblings, adopted siblings, foster siblings and step siblings. Extended family, for example cousins, living in the same house do not qualify as siblings. The sibling link also applies across 'paired' schools. This means if parents/carers are applying for Year R in the St John's Infant School and have an older sibling in the 'paired' junior school (Balfour Junior) the sibling link will be considered and also if the parent is applying for Year 3 in the junior school and has a younger sibling in the 'paired' infant school the sibling link will apply. The School reserves the right to ask for proof of relationship.

Please note that if the older sibling is in Year 6 at the time of application, the link cannot be considered, as they will not be in the school when the younger child would start in September

3. Children of teaching staff – the member of teaching staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time the application is made. Or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

4. Denominational preference When a parent/carer applies for a place at St John's CE Infant School on the grounds of denomination, such application must be supported by evidence that either the child or at least one parent/carer is a regular worshipper (the level of attendance should be at least once a month) at a church affiliated to, or represented at "Churches Together in England" or the "Evangelical Alliance" and has been for at least 12 months prior to the application being made. – A supplementary information form is also needed which must be completed and returned to St John's CE Infants School by the closing date for applications.

5. Medical, health and special access reasons – Medical, health and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010, as follows: For children whose mental or physical impairment means that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school, or For children whose parent/carers mental or physical impairment means that they have a demonstrable and significant need for their child to attend a particular school. Such claims must be clearly identified on the application and need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a specific connection between the needs of the child or parent/carer and the particular school. All evidence must be sent to the Student Service Team at Medway by the closing date for applications.

6. Nearness of children's home

We use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school, measured by the shortest route to school from the child's home address using roads and paths that are known to the graphical information software (GIS) utilised by the Local Authority. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by Ordnance Survey. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. The school uses the measurements provided by the Local Authority (LA) and further information on how distances are calculated is available in the Admissions Booklet provided by the LA. In the case of distances from flats, the school will use the process defined below in 'Tiebreaker'

Please note for children of multiple birth –

In the event of the school being oversubscribed, where the parent/carer for the final

qualifying place(s) available is the parent/carer of twins, triplets or other multiple birth, the governors will give multiple birth applications a higher priority for place than other applications with the exception of children in public care. Parents/carers/carers must tick the appropriate box on the application to indicate the children are of multiple birth.

Tiebreaker –

In the unlikely event that two or more children in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the school, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place.

Once all places have been allocated a waiting list will be maintained, ranking children in order of oversubscription criteria, not date of application. If a place(s) become(s) available they will be offered to the highest ranked child(ren) on the list.