

2017 Admissions Cover Sheet

School Name	St Mary's Island CE Primary School
Address	Island Way West St Mary's Island ME4 3ST
Telephone Number	01634 891050
Status	Voluntary Aided

The following documents form the school's final determined admission arrangements for September 2017.

St Mary's Island CE Primary School Voluntary Aided

A supplementary information form (SIF) is required for this school in addition to the Medway school application. You must collect this, complete it and return it to the school by the closing date for applications.

If the number of preferences received via the co-ordinated scheme is more than the number of places available, children in public care(as defined by government regulations) will have priority in both categories1) and 2) below. The planned admission number (PAN) is 60.

1 If there are more applicants for the one-third church places than places available , preference will be given to children who are on the electoral rolls of St Mark's Gillingham (which includes the ecumenical Church of St Mary's Island), and of St Luke's Gillingham, our Foundation churches, and then any other Anglican churches. Any remaining places will be offered to children from those families who, in the opinion of the governing body of the school, demonstrate the highest level of Christian commitment as evidenced by the Church Leaders.

In the event of a tie, the criterion of nearness to the school will apply. If the church places are undersubscribed, any spare places will be offered as below.

2 The remaining two –thirds of places will be allocated in the following order of priority:

a -Siblings of children in school at the time of entry.

(A 'sibling' is defined as any child living permanently within the same family.)

b - Other island residents.

c - Those not resident on the Island.

In the event of a tie within (b) or (c) above, preference will be given to those who live nearest to the school. For Island residents, this will be measured as the crow flies. For non-island residents, distance will be measured by road.

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.

Form for Church Leaders

Dear Colleague,

.....(Name of child) has requested a place at this school for next September. S/he is applying for one of the places reserved annually for children from families who can demonstrate their church allegiance, and I am therefore writing to ask you to give us the following information to assist the Governors in applying our admissions criteria fairly.

Name of parents.....

Please delete that which does not apply:-

1. How long has this family attended your church?
 - Less than 6 months
 - 6 months – 1 year
 - 1 year or more

2. How often does this family come to church?
 - Weekly
 - Fortnightly
 - Monthly
 - Occasionally

3. Is this family actively involved in any area of church life? If so, please specify.

4. In your opinion, are the parents committed to bringing their child/ren up in the Christian faith?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Don't know

5. Please add below any further comments which you feel would be helpful regarding this child's application for a place at St Mary's Island CE (Aided) Primary School.

Signed.....Name.....

Position of leadership.....Date.....

Name, denomination and address of church
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Please note that in accordance with our Church of England Foundation, preference will be given to children whose parents are on the electoral roll of St Mark's Gillingham (which includes the ecumenical Church on St Mary's Island), or of St Luke's Gillingham, our foundation churches, and then of any other Anglican church. Any remaining places will be offered to children from those families who, in the opinion of the Governing Body of the school, demonstrate the highest level of Christian commitment as evidenced in the above Church Leaders' form. In the event of a tie, the criterion of nearness to the school will apply.

Thank you for your time in filling in this form. Please return it to the Chair of Governors, St Mary's Island CE (Aided) Primary School, Island Way West, St Mary's Island, CHATHAM, ME4 3ST, by 15 January 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Goad
Chair of Governors