



All Saints' Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School

Admission Arrangements 2018-19

Ethos of the School

All Saints' is a Voluntary Controlled C of E Primary and is a school designated as one having a religious character and whose ethos is derived from a Church of England Foundation. Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church and in partnership with the Church at parish and diocesan level. The school aims to serve its community by providing education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers all its pupils.

Entitlement

Although parents have the right to delay their child's entry into school until the term of their 5th birthday, it is the normal policy of All Saints' to admit all children into school full-time in the September of the academic year in which they reach the age of 5 years. Admission dates are staggered over 2 weeks to aid transition arrangements.

Guidance for parents, carers on admission to reception for summer born children

Background

All parents are expected to apply for and take up a reception place in the school year in which their child will reach the age of five (rising fives). All children are entitled to a full time place in the September following their fourth birthday. However, the legal starting age for full time education is the start of the term following the child's fifth birthday and parents may request that their child's entry is delayed (or 'deferred') until later in the same school year or until the term in which the child reaches compulsory school age.

School admission authorities are responsible for making the decision as to which year group a child should be admitted. The premise is that except in limited circumstances, if parents are determined to defer entry to full time education until the following academic year when the child reaches compulsory school age, as is their legal right, a place would be offered in Year 1, enabling their child to remain within their chronological age group and not being 'offset'.

Attending part time or deferred entry to the same academic year

Parents can request that their child attends part-time until they reach compulsory school age, or that the date their child is admitted is deferred until later in the same academic year. In such circumstances, an agreement can be made between parents and the headteacher of the allocated school without involvement of any other relevant professional.

Children with a statement of Special Educational Needs where the school is named in the statement will be allocated a place in accordance with S.324 of the Education Act 1996.

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Applications will be made in November using the local authority's on-line system or the single form, known as the common application form. The forms can be obtained from the school, the local education authority or pre-school setting. The forms must be returned by the closing date in January. Places will be offered by the local authority in April.

A separate co-ordinated scheme for in-year applications is dealt with by the local authority.

Waiting list

Where a child is refused an offer of a place in the school, the parents may request that the child's name be placed on the school's waiting list with the local authority. The waiting list will be maintained for the remainder of the academic year for which the application was made. Waiting lists will be maintained in order of the oversubscription priorities.

Criteria for admission (in order of priority)

Each school has an admission number which indicates the maximum number of children that would normally be admitted to each year group during a school year. The admission number for All Saints' Primary School is **60**.

Where the number of preferences for the school exceeds the number of places available, priority will be given to children in the following categories:

- 1. Looked after children or children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence or special guardianship order.**
- 2. Siblings of children resident at the same address who are at present on roll at the school and who will still be attending the school at the time of admission.**
- 3. Up to 50% of the remaining places will be allocated to the children of parents who are practicing members of the Church of England or other Christian denominations for whom All Saints' C of E Primary School Ilkley is the nearest Church of England school to the home address.(refer to notes below for how these places will be allocated)**
- 4. Remaining places will be allocated to other applicants.**

When demand exceeds places for any one of the above criteria, the shortest distance between home and school, measured by a straight line, from the main entrance of the home to the main entrance of the school building, will be used to decide who is given a place.

EXCEPTIONS

The criteria listed may be overridden and a place offered, where the parents' preference is based on:

- special medical reasons for admission where they are deemed essential by an independent professional recommendation from the child's paediatrician/consultant, or
- social reasons for admission where they are deemed essential by a professional recommendation and the Local Authority considers that a place should be offered on these grounds.

NOTES

1. A 'looked after child' is a child who is in the care of the local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (as defined in the Children Act 1989).
2. The terms "siblings" refers to children who live with the same family at the same address. Children living with the same family e.g. foster children and step-sisters and brothers are also included.
3. In order to meet this criterion, parents will be required to complete a form (attached), signed by their Vicar or Church Leader, confirming their attendance and involvement at the church over the last two years. This requires the personal involvement of the family, including the child for whom the application is made, in the worship and life of a Church of England Church, or that of any member of the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, or any other recognised Trinitarian Church. The priority will be allocated on the basis of the most involved family.
4. "Home address" refers to the child's permanent home at the date of admission. Where the child lives with parents with shared responsibility, it is for the parents to determine which address to use when applying for a primary school.
5. "Nearest Church of England School" is measured by a straight line distance from the main entrance of the home to the main entrance of the nearest Church of England primary school, including those in other local authorities.
6. Proximity to school is used as a tie-breaker, those living closest being given priority. Where the offer of places to applicants with equi-distant addresses would lead to oversubscription, the decision of who will be offered the place will be made by random selection.
7. Twins or triplets – where a family of twins or triplets request admission and only one of the siblings can be offered a place, the remaining siblings will also be offered places above the admission number.
8. Pupils will not be admitted above the published admission number for the school unless:
 - exceptional circumstances apply as defined in the School Admissions Code,
 - twins and children from multiple births when one of the siblings is the last child to be admitted,
 - where additional school places need to be provided, or the pupil is admitted as part of the fair access protocol, agreed with all schools in the area.