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St Chad's C of E Primary School

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Admissions Arrangements
2024

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Arrangements and Policy for Admission of Pupils to St. Chad's Church of England Primary School

Admission Arrangements 2024

The whole life and ethos of St. Chad's Church of England Primary School is underpinned by Christian principles. The Governors welcome applications from parents who wish their children to have a Church of England School education. Whilst the Governors seek to promote the traditions and teachings of the Church of England, they also welcome children from other faiths and cultures, and in no circumstances whatever will they allow colour, culture or origin to be used as a criterion for admission.

Published Admissions number for Reception Class: 30

Application for admission of pupils into Reception class can be made on-line or on the common preference form which can be obtained from the school or the local authority admissions team. The completed form can be returned to the local authority admissions team or handed to the school. In addition, if you are applying under oversubscription priority 3 (faith places), the governors require a Supplementary Information Form, which can be obtained from the school, school website or local authority website. The Supplementary Information Form must be returned to school by the closing date for applications which is 15 January 2024. If the SIF is not received by the due date, the application will be considered against our other oversubscription criteria, applied in order. If the application and SIF is not received by the due date, the application will be considered as late and will only be dealt with once all other preferences have been considered.

Children who have an EHC plan where St. Chad's Church of England Primary School is the school named in the plan will be allocated a place; this is a statutory entitlement which overrides the oversubscription criteria.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where there are more applications than places, the governing body will make its decision for admission on the following criteria, in order of priority:

1. 'Looked after' children in public care or fostered under an arrangement made by the local authority or children previously looked after by a Local Authority or who were previously in state care outside of England, whose parent/s or guardian/s preferences St. Chad's Church of England Primary School. (See

note 1)

2. Children who have at least one **sibling** attending St. Chad's Church of England Primary School at expected time of admission. (See note 3)
3. Faith Places - 50% of the remaining available places will be allocated according to the following 'faith based' criteria. If within the faith proportion there are more applicants than places available, the remaining places will be allocated to those qualifying applicants in the following priority order:
 - 3.1 Children whose parent/s have worshipped regularly* at the church of St. Chad's, Far Headingley or St Mary's Church, Hawksworth Wood for at least one year immediately preceding the closing date for application. (see note 2 and 4)
 - 3.2 Children whose parent/s have worshipped regularly* at another Christian church for at least one year immediately preceding the date of application. (see note 2, 4 and 5)

Parents submitting evidence of attendance at one of the 'faith based' criteria should ask the leader of the church to complete page 3 of the **Supplementary Information Form**. The parent must also make sure the referee either stamps the form with the church stamp, or that they attach a signed sheet of the church's letter-headed paper. This will help to authenticate the reference. If no reference is provided for the school, the application will be considered under community places. **It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that the completed Supplementary Information Form is returned to the school.**

** Please note: In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.*

4. Community Places - The remaining places will be allocated based on distance to the school as measured in a straight line by the Local Authority's electronic mapping system (see note 7).

Leeds Local Authority uses a straight-line distance system. The Local Authority use a national computer system to run their school admission system. As part of this system there is a program that measures the 'straight-line' distance from

the centre of the main school building to your home address (see note 6). The point measured to at your home address is determined by the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG). This information provides coordinates for every dwelling. If the Local Authority are not able to match your address with the LLPG then they will use the centre of your dwelling.

If an odd number of places are remaining following criteria 1 and 2 being applied the additional place will be allocated within the 'faith based' criteria.

If an applicant who submits a faith reference is unsuccessful in gaining a place because there are more applicants than places available, they will be considered under community places.

Tie Breakers:

Tie Breaker 1: Where there are candidates of equal priority, places will be allocated to those applicants who live closest to the school as measured in a straight line by the local authority's electronic mapping system.

Tie Breaker 2: In the unlikely event that two or more applicants reside equidistant from school, the remaining places will be allocated by the drawing of lots. This will be witnessed by an independent person.

Notes:

1. A "looked after child" is defined as a child who, at the time of making the application is:
 - in the care of a local authority, or
 - 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)

A "previously looked after child" is defined as a child:

- who was looked after (in England), but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order, as well as a child who appears to the Trust Board to have been in state care outside of England care (i.e. in the care of or accommodated by a public authority, religious organisation or any other provider whose sole/main purpose is to benefit society), but ceased to be so as a result of being adopted.

If you are making an application under the priority for a previously looked

after child, you will need to provide evidence of this with your application (e.g. a copy of the court order) so the LA can verify this priority.

2. Parent/s relates to any adult who is considered to be the legal guardian of the child looking for a school place.
3. Siblings include brothers and sisters, stepchildren, half-brothers and half-sisters, fostered and adopted children living at the same household.
4. An applicant would be considered a regular worshipper where they worship at least twice a month for at least one year immediately preceding the date of application. To accommodate difficult patterns of work and family relationships account will be taken of week day worship. The worshipper will be one or more parents.
5. Christian Church includes only those churches affiliated to Churches Together in Britain and Ireland or one which can fully assent to the Trinitarian creed.
6. The home address is the place where the child is permanently resident with his or her parents. When a child lives between two addresses, the address used for offering a school place will be where the child lives for most of the school week (Monday to Friday). If care is split equally, parents can choose which address will be used.
7. You must not use any other address than the child's permanent address on your application, including using the address of a childminder or relative or renting a property for a short period of time as this could be considered as using a fraudulent address. We will investigate any queries about addresses and, depending on what we find, we may withdraw the school place offer. If it is found that an intentionally misleading or false address has been given with the aim of fraudulently securing a school place, that place may be withdrawn, even if the child has already started at the school.

Nursery

Attendance at the St. Chad's Nursery does not guarantee a place in the main school and parents must apply for a place in the Reception class using the local authority online system or the common preference form.

Deferred entry to primary schools

Parents of children who are offered a place at the school before they are of compulsory school age can defer their child's entry until later in the school year or until the child reaches compulsory school age in that school year. Where entry is deferred, the school will hold the place for that child and not offer it to another child during the remainder of the school year. Parents cannot defer entry beyond the beginning of the term after the child's fifth birthday. Please see section below for 'summer born' children.

Parents can also request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

Children educated outside of their chronological age group (including Deferment for summer born children)

A request may be made for a child to be admitted outside of their normal age group, for example if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. In addition, the parents of a summer born child (a child born between 1st April and 31st August) may request that the child be admitted out of their normal age group, to reception rather than year 1.

Parents should still apply in the normal admission round for 2024, and indicate their request on the preference form – specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested and the year group in which they wish their child to be allocated a place. Applicants should also complete the application form at appendix 2 and attach any available evidence of the need for deferment/admission out of chronological age.

The application will be considered by a panel of early years education experts and headteachers where the individual case will be considered. The panel will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent. This will ensure the opportunity to reflect on the long term impact of that decision, and balance this against the child's current needs.

There is no right of appeal against a decision relating to admission out of chronological age.

Offer of places

National offer day is in April when the Local Authority will make the formal offer of a place to parents/ carers or guardians on behalf of the governing body of the school before the September they are due to start school. Parents offered a place must indicate acceptance or otherwise of the offer within 21 days of notification direct to the school either by telephone 0113 2747110 or email office@stchadsprimary.net. If no response is received by that time the Governors reserve the right to withdraw the offer and offer the place to an applicant on the waiting list.

Appeals

Appeals against an unsuccessful application must be made by parents, in writing, to the Clerk of the Appeals Panel, through the Head teacher at the school, within 25 school days of the parent receiving the notice that a place has not been offered to the child. Information about how to appeal can be found at <http://www.st-chadsprimary.co.uk>

Waiting List

Where Governors are unable to offer places because of oversubscription remaining applicants can request a place on the waiting list and will be offered any vacant places as they occur. The waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria and each time a child is added the list will be ranked again in line with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will remain open until the end of the school year (July) for which application was made. If parents wish their child to be on the waiting list for the following school year, they will need to make a fresh application for a school transfer.

Looked after children, previously looked after children, and those allocated a place at the school in accordance with a Fair Access Protocol, must take precedence over those on a waiting list.

Fair Access Protocols

All schools have an active role in admitting pupils under the Fair Access Protocol. The protocol operates outside the boundaries of the Admissions policy. It is a statutory requirement and the Protocol applies to all Leeds schools. The aim is to make sure the most vulnerable children are offered a place at a suitable school as quickly as possible, and that no school, including those with places, is asked to take a disproportionate number of vulnerable children. Leeds City Council's Fair Access protocol can be found at www.leeds.gov.uk/admissions

Applications other than at normal admission time

Parents will be able to apply directly to the school at any time for an in-year transfer. An application form is available from the school or from the Local Authority and you will be notified by the school of the outcome of the application.

Where a family has moved into the area from abroad, another part of the country or city, and the child is effectively out of education, the application will be considered for an immediate start in the school, if there is a place available.

Where parents simply wish for their child to change schools, the application may be considered for the start of the following term.

The Diocese of Leeds

**St Chad's Church of England
Primary School**

Northholme Avenue, West Park, Leeds, LS16 5QR

Tel: 0113 274 7110

Supplementary Information Form

*for entry to the school in
September 2024*

Child's Full Name: _____

Sex: Male / Female **Date of Birth:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Contact Details:

Home Tel: _____ **Mobile:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

This form is needed to allow the Governors to rank all applications against the admissions criteria and should be read in conjunction with the criteria for admission contained in our Admissions Policy.

All applicants should fill in sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 as fully as possible. They should then ensure their vicar / minister of religion completes section 5, before returning the form to school.

1. Please list here any brother or sister who will be at St Chad's in Years 1 to 6 in **September 2024** (full name and year please);

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2. Attendance of parent/s at worship: please tick the box which you think best describes your situation;

[] *Worships regularly at the Place of Worship: An applicant would be considered a regular worshipper where they worship at least twice a month for at least one year immediately preceding the date of application. To accommodate difficult patterns of work and family relationships account will be taken of week day worship. The worshipper will be one or more parents.*

Please note: In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

For how long?

[] more than 1 years [] less than 1 years

3. Please indicate which church or place of worship you usually attend:

Your church or place of worship's name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Telephone Number: _____

Your Religious Denomination (i.e. Christian, etc.) : _____

4. Please give the name and address of your vicar/minister or other appropriate person to whom reference can be made to verify the information, if required, given in section 2.

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian Date: _____

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE: Please only complete the reference on the back page of this form if your regular place of worship named above is a Christian church – the reference is not required if you worship regularly at another place of worship, for example, at a temple or mosque.

It is the responsibility of **Parents/Guardians** to ensure, where required, that the back page of this form is completed and authenticated by your Vicar/Minister of Religion before returning it to school. ***Thank you***

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5.FOR CLERGY USE ONLY:

NOTE: Please only complete this form if the regular place of worship named overleaf is a Christian church – a reference is not required where the parents regularly attend another place of worship, for example, a temple or mosque.

The parents have nominated you to verify the information on this supplementary information form. Would you please complete the sections below;

a) Can you confirm to the best of your knowledge that the answers given in section 2 are correct?

Yes / No

If no, please indicate below any information which may assist the Governors;

b) Can you confirm that the church or place of worship given in Section 3 is the applicant/child's normal place of worship?

Yes / No

If no, please indicate below any information which may assist the Governors;

Signed: _____ **Vicar/Minister of Religion**

IMPORTANT: Please also make sure you either stamp the form with the church or faith community's official stamp, or you attach a signed sheet of the church's or faith community's official letter-headed paper (original not a photocopy). This will help to authenticate the reference. Please return to the applicant. Many thanks

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

For Parents/Guardians: please return this form to **Katy Dixon**, School Administrator, St Chad's C of E Primary School, Northolme Avenue, West Park, Leeds, LS16 5QR.

Closing date for receipt is 15th January 2024.

Request to join a school out of chronological year group Application form

To be completed by parents/carers requesting their child starts school in a year group different to their chronological age peers.

Note: If you wish your child to attend school part-time until they reach compulsory school age or start school later in the academic year, you should discuss your request with the school. You do not need to complete this form.

Please note that the decision whether to accept a deferral is made by the Governing Body of the academy. This form should be read in conjunction with the following section of our Admission Policy: 'Children Educated outside of their chronological age group (including deferment for summer born children)'.

CHILD DETAILS

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male/Female

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Telephone number: _____

FAMILY/CARER DETAILS

Parents/Carer's Names: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Email: _____

Please describe why you feel a deferment out of chronological year group would support the needs of your child:

Please attach any supporting evidence from relevant professionals e.g. an early years professional, health care professional, educational psychologist or educational professional that you wish the Governing Body to consider.

Outline the additional evidence provided by the relevant professional/s to support the application:

PRIVACY NOTICE

Abbey Multi Academy Trust and our academies take our obligations under the Data Protection legislation very seriously. We collect information from you to assess your child's eligibility for a school place. We collect your personal information in respect of admissions and appeals which is considered against our policy for admissions. We also need to use sensitive personal data relating to you (also called "special category data") such as religion and ethnic origin information in order to provide equality of opportunity or treatment.

Abbey Multi Academy Trust is the Data Controller for your information and our legal basis for processing the data is under a legal obligation where it is personal data (such as the School Admissions Regulations 2012 and the School Admissions Code 2014), and where we are processing special category information, under our obligations of substantial public interest. The data collected is required to ensure all children have a school place suitable to their age, ability and needs.

In processing your application, we will share information with services within the local council and also with other relevant organisations such as the NHS, the Police etc. There may be circumstances where we need to use and share your information without your agreement, however this will only occur where we are legally required to do so.

Should your child be admitted to the academy, we will retain information provided on this form until your child's 25th birthday after which it will be confidentially destroyed. If your application for a place at the academy is unsuccessful it will be held for 2 years and will be destroyed after this period.

You have rights in respect of the information we hold about you, including the right to ask for access to your information or to withdraw from this process. Objecting to us using your information in this way, would restrict our assessment in giving proper consideration to your application. Further information is available at <http://www.abbeymat.co.uk/privacy-notices>.

To exercise any of your rights, please contact: dpo@abbeytrust.org and we will advise you of the procedure. Further information about how we process your information can be found in our privacy notice including contact information for our Data Protection Officer: <http://www.abbeymat.co.uk/privacy-notices>. A paper copy of this information is available on request.

Signed **Date**

Please return this form to:
School Administrator
St Chad's C of E Primary School
Northolme Avenue
West Park, Leeds
LS16 5QR

Please ensure this form is returned to the school by the 1st December before the admissions deadline in January