



Nursery Admissions Policy

2022-2023



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LATCHFORD ST JAMES C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Order of Priority for Admissions

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children including those previously in state care outside of England*
2. Children whose parents or carers are regular worshipping members of St. James with St. Hilda's Parish Church and whose names are entered on the Church Electoral Roll or who can provide a written reference.
3. Children whose parents or carers are members of any church which is a member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. Applicants must submit a written reference from their Minister as confirmation of their commitment.
4. Children with a brother or sister attending the school and expecting to continue at the school in the following year. This includes, full, half or step brothers and sisters and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit.
5. Children resident within the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. James with St. Hilda. A map of the parish is available for inspection in the school office.
6. Children who have special needs on Social, Medical or other religious grounds (supporting letters from Social Worker, Medical Specialist, or Minister of Religion are required and should be included, in a sealed envelope with the completed application form).
7. Children resident outside the Parish.
 - a) "Resident" refers to the child's permanent home at the proposed date of admission.
 - b) When deciding between candidates who have equal entitlement under the above criteria, the governors will have regard to pupils living nearest the school defined 'as the crow flies' measured using a Geographical information address point system based on Ordnance Survey from the child's permanent place of residence to the Nursery.

If places remain after all the children referred to above in the rising 4 age group have been accommodated, younger children may be offered a place. These children may come into nursery through the year after they have reached their third birthday.

Admissions criteria may change from one year to the next.

*A child in care 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 under section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 at the time of making the application to the school.

The term previously looked after children is defined as children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted, (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).

A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.