

King's Stanley Church of England Primary School

Policy on Admissions

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Our governing body applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend this school. We follow County regulations. See County Admission Arrangements at end of the policy

2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1 We seek to be an inclusive school, welcoming children from all backgrounds and abilities. A child's level of ability is irrelevant to this school's admissions policy, as are any special needs the child may have.

- 2.2 The only restriction we place on entry is that of number. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available, we adopt the County criteria set out below to determine whether a child is to be accepted or not.

1. **Children in Public Care (Looked After Children)**
2. **Children who will have siblings attending the school at the time the applicant child is admitted.**
3. **Children for whom only one particular school is appropriate due to an exceptional medical condition. Applications under this criterion will only be considered if they are supported by a written statement from the child's doctor. This must demonstrate that there is a very specific connection between the medical need and the facilities or resources of the school concerned.**
4. **Children with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the centre of the child's home address (including flats) to the central point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.**

3 How parents and carers can apply for their child to be admitted to our school

- 3.1 Our school is a Voluntary Controlled school, and the admission arrangements are made by the local authority (LA); the Admissions Authority for our school is therefore the LA.
- 3.2 The LA's annual admissions prospectus informs parents and carers how to apply for a place at the school of their choice. Parents and carers have a right to express their preference, but this does not, in itself, guarantee a place at that particular school. Application should be made on a form that can be obtained from the local Education Department, and should be returned by the date stipulated on that form. Applications can also be made online. The school will notify parents and carers of the decision as soon as all the applications have been considered.
- 3.3 In this area, children enter school at the start of the academic year in which they become five. There is one admission date per year, early in September (i.e. when the autumn term begins).

4 Admission appeals

- 4.1 If we do not offer a child a place at this school, this will be because to do so would prejudice the education of other children by allowing the number of children in the school to increase too much.

- 4.2 If parents and carers wish to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying to the LA. An independent panel considers all such appeals, and its decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decides that we should admit a child to whom we had refused a place, then we will accept this decision and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all the children at our school. (Further details of appeal arrangements are set out in the revised Code of Practice on School Admissions Appeals, which came into force in September 2004.)

5 The standard number

- 5.1 The 'standard number' is the number of children the LA considers the school can accommodate. The standard number for our school is 210. We keep this number under review, and the governors will apply to change the number if circumstances change.

6 Sizes of classes for infants

- 6.1 We teach infant children (aged five to seven) in classes that have a maximum number of 30 children. This number will only rise if overridden by a successful County Appeal.

7 Monitoring and review

- 7.1 This policy will be monitored by the governing body, who will always take due note of the guidance provided by the local Admissions Forum.
- 7.2 The policy will be reviewed every two years, or earlier in the light of any changed circumstances, either in our school or in the local area.