

## **ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR HOLY TRINITY & ST SILAS SCHOOL**

Holy Trinity & St Silas CE Primary School is a 1-form entry school with 30 places for each academic year group. Where the number of applicants exceeds the number of available places, the governors will use admissions criteria.

For entry to Holy Trinity & St Silas in September 2013 and thereafter, places will first be allocated to looked-after children (i.e. children in the care of the Local Authority) or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.

Thereafter, 60% of available places will be allocated under Foundation (Church) Criteria and 40% under Open Criteria (based on proximity to school). Applications should be made

**either**

for a Foundation Place

**or**

for an Open Place.

Candidates unsuccessful in their application for a Foundation Place will automatically be considered for an Open Place.

In the case of twins or a multiple birth, if a place is offered to one of the children priority will be given to the other siblings.

### **Foundation Places (60% of available places)**

*All parents applying on our Foundation Criteria should complete our Supplementary Information form, in addition to the Camden form, so that the governors may consider the application fully. Forms should be collected from the school office or downloaded from the school website and returned direct to the school. **The closing date for supplementary forms will be the same date as the Camden form.***

**These will be allocated according to the following criteria, listed in order of priority:**

1. Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of entry and whose parent(s) attend, and have been attending, Holy Trinity Church or St Silas Church, Kentish Town, at least 40 times per year for not less than two years before the closing date of application.
2. Children whose parent(s) attend, and have been attending, Holy Trinity or St Silas Churches, Kentish Town, at least 40 times per year for not less than two years before the closing date of application.
3. Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of entry and whose parent(s) attend, and have been attending, Holy Trinity or St Silas Churches, Kentish Town, at least 25 times per year for not less than two years before the closing date of application.
4. Children whose parent(s) attend, and have been attending, Holy Trinity or St Silas Churches, Kentish Town, at least 25 times per year for not less than two years before the closing date of application.
5. Children whose parent(s) attend, and have been attending, another Christian church at least 25 times per year for not less than two years before the closing date of application. A form of authorisation, signed by the Parish Priest to this effect, is required.

**In the event that two or more applicants have equal right to a place under the Foundation Place Criteria, the Governing Body will give priority to those children living in nearest proximity to the school.**

### **Open Places (40% of available places)**

**These will be allocated according to the following criteria, listed in order of priority:**

1. Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of entry.
2. Children living in nearest proximity to the school.

**In the event that two or more applicants have equal right to a place under the Open Place Criteria, the Governing Body will give priority to those children living in nearest proximity to the school.**

## Definitions

**Looked-After Children** In order to be given highest priority for admission, a child has to fall within the definition of 'looked after' in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989. As this Act applies to England and Wales, a child has to be looked after by an English or Welsh local authority in order to be given highest priority.

Paragraph 1.7 of the School Admissions Code gives equal highest priority to 'previously looked after children'. Given the definition of a looked after child, a child will have to have been looked after by an English or Welsh local authority in order to be considered previously looked after. Under paragraph 1.7 of the Code, a child has to have been looked after immediately before they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.

In addition, in order to fall within the definition of a previously looked after child, an adopted child must have been adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002. This Act didn't come fully into force until December 2005, it is therefore not possible for a child to have been adopted under that Act prior to then.

**Sibling** *Sibling* refers to a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the /carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as the sibling.

**Proximity** Proximity to the school is measured on a computerised mapping system of the area, measured in a straight line ('as the crow flies') between the property address to the centre of the school. In the minority of cases when applicants distance measurements are exactly the same, in blocks of flats for instance, the computer system will randomly order the priority of applicants.