Admissions Policy 2017/2018

1. Introduction

The school will admit 156 children in year groups Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and Year 11. Students will be placed in an ability band and 25% of applicants will be in Band A, 25% in Band B, 25% in Band C and 25% in Band D (Band A being the highest ability and Band D the lowest). **Children will be required to undertake an assessment test that will enable the school to determine in which band to place a child.** Arrangements will be made to support children for whom English is not their first language or who have special needs.

2. Admissions criteria

In the event that the school is oversubscribed, ie more applications are received than there are places, places will be allocated in the following order of priority:

1. Looked After Children or formerly Looked After Children.

2. Children who have been baptised and who together with their family, attend public worship at St. Augustine's Church, Kilburn, at least twice per month (over at least the year preceding the date of application to the school).

3. Children who have been baptised and who together with their family, attend public worship at an Anglican Church (Church of England) at least twice per month (over at least the year preceding the date of application to the school).

4. Children who have been baptised and who, together with their family, attend public worship at St. Augustine's Church, Kilburn, at least quarterly (over at least the year preceding the date of application to the school).

5. Children who have been baptised and who, together with their family, attend public worship at an Anglican Church (Church of England) at least quarterly (over at least the year preceding the date of application to the school).

6. Governors may offer a place to a child who has an exceptional medical, social or educational need for a place at St. Augustine's CE High School. Applications will be considered under this category only if they are supported by a written statement from a medical consultant, senior social worker or other appropriate professional, specifying why St. Augustine's High School is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.

7. Children who, together with their family, attend public worship at a Christian Church of other denominations associated with Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, the Evangelical Alliance or Affinity at least twice per month (over at least the year preceding the date of application to the school).

8. Children who, together with their family, attend public worship at a Christian Church of other denominations associated with Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, the Evangelical Alliance or Affinity at least quarterly (over at least the year preceding the date of application to the school).

9. Children who have been baptised in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and who, together with their family attend public worship at any other Trinitarian Christian denomination at least quarterly (over at least the year preceding the date of application to the school).

10. Children who attend St. Augustine's Church of England Primary School.

11. Children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission (see note 1).

12. Children who attend other Church primary schools (including Church of England and Catholic).

13. Children of families of good standing in other faiths (authenticated by an appropriate religious leader) who would value the education and ethos of a Church of England school.

14. Any other children.

A reference by means of a Clergy Form (available from the school) is required for those claiming admission under criteria 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12 & 13. Under criterion 13 applicants who practise other world faiths should ask their faith leaders (eg an Imam) to provide evidence of this in support of the application.

3. Tie-break

Should it be necessary to decide between candidates who have equal claims to a place under one of the above criteria, priority will be given to those who live nearest the school as determined by a straight line as calculated by the Local Authority's computerised measuring system (see Note 2).

4. Late applicants

Late applicants (those who have applied after the published date) will not be considered until the initial allocation of places has been made. Such applicants will then be considered with those who have applied by the published date but who were unsuccessful in the initial allocation, for surplus places and creation of a waiting list.

5. Casual admissions

The school's Pastoral Year Coordinators hold Year Group waiting lists. The waiting lists will be divided into four ability bands. Where a vacancy in a particular band arises, the place will be allocated from the waiting list in that band, **against the criteria stated in the admissions policy**.

Note 1
'Sibling' refers to a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/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 that sibling.

Note 2
Where the order of priority is otherwise equal, preference will be given to a child who lives the shortest distance from the school. Home address is defined as the address at which the child resides for 50% or more of the school week. Distances are measured by a straight line from the address seed point (determined by Ordnance Survey data) of the child's home address to the main school gate for pupils, as measured by the Local Authority's computerised measuring system. Where it is necessary to differentiate between applicants living in flats using the same street entrance, priority will be given to the applicant(s) living closest to the ground floor and then by ascending flat number order. Where it is necessary to further differentiate between applicants living the same distance from the school, priority will be decided by random allocation.