



Christ Church Bentinck School
The parish School of St Pauls, Rossmore Road

Admissions Criteria 2017-18

In the event of over subscription the governing body will admit children to the school in the following order of priority:

1. Looked After Children (in care of a Local Authority) as defined in the Children Act 1989. This includes children who were previously look after, but cease to be so because they have been adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.
2. Children with exceptional social or medical needs who would benefit from attending the school. *A statement in support of the application must be returned by the GP, Social Worker or other appropriate professional.* This should set out the particular reasons why the school in question is the most suitable school, and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.

After the allocation of places under the above criterion, 50% of remaining places will be allocated as foundation places and the remainder as open places.

Foundation Places

Foundation places will be offered in the following order of priority

3. Children of practising* members of the Church of England, who attend St Paul's Church and St Cyprians Church Clarence Gate, who have a brother or sister in the school at the time of attendance.
4. Children of practising* members of the Church of England living within the Parish of St Paul's and St Cyprians Clarence Gate churches.
5. Children of practising* members of the Church of England.
6. Children of practising* members of a church, belonging to *Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) and the Evangelical Alliance.*

Open places

Open places will be offered in the following order of priority

7. Brothers and sisters of pupils, not in the above categories, who are currently in the school and will be at the time of attendance.
8. Children of other world religions, or none, whose parents wish them to be educated within a Church of England School who are living nearest the school. If two applicants have the same distance, a decision will be made by random allocation.

If the governors are not able to offer a foundation place to anyone applying for a foundation place, the application will be considered for an open place according to the criteria for open places. If there are insufficient applications to fill the foundation places, the remaining places will be offered to applications for open places according to the criteria for open places.

Children with statements of Special Educational Needs who name the school are considered for admission under a separate process.

In the event of any of the above categories being oversubscribed, Governors will give priority to those children living nearest to the school. Distances are measured by a straight line from the centre of the child's home address to the school entrance for pupils, as measured by the LA'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.

Parents who wish their application to be considered under criteria 3, 4, 5 and 6 should ensure that the form provided by the school is completed by the Clergy or Faith Leader and must be returned to the school.

Definitions

* Practising is defined as children of parents who attend church at least once a month for at least one year (this should be confirmed by the parish priest).

** Brothers and sisters (siblings) refers to 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.

Nursery admissions

Children will be admitted to the nursery the September after their third birthday. Applications for Nursery places should be received by the Easter before they are due to start nursery. The school will be offering 20 part time places and 10 full time places. Priority for full time places will be given to children who are presently attending the nursery, under the current admissions criteria of siblings and working parents.

Reception admissions

The school will take part in the Tri-borough coordinated scheme for Reception Admissions **A separate supplementary Admissions form must be completed and returned to the school by 15th January 2017.** Forms received **after** the closing date of 15th January, will only be considered once all other reception pupils have been offered a place. Parents will be notified by the school of the outcome on 18th April 2017. The school offers 60 places in the Reception class.

Children will be admitted to the Reception class in **September**. Entry into Reception class will be staggered at the beginning of the **Autumn term**. Parents have the option of deferring their child's entry until later in that school year. However, entry may not be deferred beyond the start of statutory school age.

Unsuccessful applicants will have their names included on the waiting list. Such names will be held on the waiting list for six months from the date the form is received and then removed. Parents wishing their child's name to remain on the waiting list must contact the school before the six months elapses.

Please note, giving any false or deliberately misleading information on the application forms may render your application invalid, or lead to the offer of a place being withdrawn. You will be required to provide proof of address and your child's date of birth on receipt of an offer of a school place.

Casual admissions

Applications made outside the normal Reception admissions round will be dealt with by the school. Applications should be made on the school's Admissions Form. The admission criteria will be applied to all age groups where the school is over-subscribed.

Admission Appeals

Unsuccessful applicants have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. Further details are available upon request from the school.