



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

St John the Baptist - CHURCH OF ENGLAND Admission Policy 2016/17

St John the Baptist is a two form entry Church of England primary school with a nursery. The governors welcome applications for admissions from all parents¹ knowing that this is a Church of England school, and hoping that they will support the Christian ethos of the school.

The school has an admission limit of 60 places. In the case of there being more applications than places available, then the Governors will apply the Oversubscription Criteria as set out below.

The Oversubscription Criteria

In accordance with the Oversubscription criteria, the Governors will give 31 Foundation places and 29 Open places, or in the same ratio after places have been given in order to:

01. A looked after child⁵ or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
02. Children who have a Child Protection plan.
03. Children whose acute medical or social needs justify the allocation of a place at the school. Supporting evidence from a doctor or social worker must be provided at time of application setting out the particular reasons why this school is the most suitable and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another.
04. Children who have a sibling⁴ at the school at the time of their proposed entry.

Foundation Places

05. Children of parents¹ who are practising² Anglicans and attend St John the Baptist Church, Hoxton and St Leonard's Church, Shoreditch.
06. Children whose parents¹ are practising² Anglicans and attend Holy Trinity Church, Hoxton; St Anne's Church, Hoxton; St Chad's Church, Haggerston; and St Peter's Church, De Beauvoir.
07. Children whose parents¹ are practising² members and attend other Christian denominations.³

Open places

08. Children whose parents¹ belong to another world faith or no faith and wish to attend St John the Baptist School because of its Christian tradition and education based on Christian values.

Notes

¹ Parent – Any person who has parental responsibility for, or is the legal guardian of the child.

² **Practising** means a parent who attends a Sunday worship service on at least 26 occasions within the 12 month period prior to the application deadline (equivalent to fortnightly attendance). It is sufficient for just one parent to attend.

³ **Christian denominations** – Churches who are members of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI), or the Evangelical Alliance (EA).

⁴ **Sibling** refers to a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of a parent's/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.

⁵ **Looked After Child** – A looked after child 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 (see definition in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989). Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship orders)

General principles

When deciding between applicants who appear to have equal entitlement to admission under any criteria, the Governors will offer the place to the applicant who lives nearest to the main entrance of the school on Crondall Street measured by a straight line.

It should be understood by parents that a place in the Nursery does not give a child automatic entry to a Reception Class.

Twins/Children of Multiple Births

If only one place is available for more than one child, who are twins or of a multiple birth within the same family, the Governing Body will establish if the school is able to admit above numbers. If this is not possible the allocation of the place will be determined by lottery which will be carried out by the Admissions Committee in the presence of an independent witness.

Waiting List & Late Applications

The school maintains a waiting list. Children are ranked on the waiting list in accordance with the school oversubscription criteria as set out above.

Late applications made after the applications deadline will be considered in accordance with the school's oversubscription criteria. Late applicants will be added to the waiting list if the year group is oversubscribed. In the event of a place becoming available all applicants on the waiting list are considered in line with the schools admission criteria and the place is offered accordingly.

In-Year Admissions

Applications for In-Year admissions are made in the same way as those made during the normal admissions round. If a place is available and there is no waiting list then the local authority will communicate the governors' offer of a place to the family. If more applications are received than there are places available then applications will be ranked by the governing body in accordance with the oversubscription criteria, with the following modifications:

- Children without an offer of a school place are given priority immediately after other 'looked after' children.

- If a place cannot be offered at this time then you may ask us for the reasons and you will be informed of your right of appeal. You will be offered the opportunity of being placed on a waiting list. This waiting list will be maintained by the governing body in the order of the oversubscription criteria (as modified above) and not in the order in which the applications are received. Names are removed from the list at the end of each academic year.
- When a place becomes available the governing body will decide who is at the top of the list so that the LA can inform the parent that the school is making an offer.

Parents seeking a place for their child outside the normal age group for the reception class or at any other time of the school year (In-Year transfer) and wish this to continue, should read the guidance on out of normal age group admissions in the "hackney's primary schools" Admissions Guide for Parents. The booklet is available at www.learningtrust.co.uk . Please note: such requests will only be agreed in very exceptional circumstances.