

Clerkenwell Parochial Admissions Policy 2018-19

The Governing Body is responsible for the admission of pupils to Clerkenwell Parochial C of E Primary School and admits 30 pupils to the Reception Class each September. This admission limit has been agreed between the Governing Body and the Local Education Authority and is revised annually. Admission to Reception is co-ordinated by the Local Education Authority. Admission to Years 1 to 6 when places become available is co-ordinated by the Headteacher and the school Office staff.

1. The school does not have any specific units or facilities for pupils with particular special needs and there are limited facilities for pupils with physical special needs. However, the governors will grant first preference of places to children who are looked after (in public care).
2. The school is housed in a Grade 2 Listed Building, on two floors and a detached one-storey annexe. Half of the classrooms can be accessed without steps. As far as possible, the school will ensure that pupils with disabilities have equal access to opportunities and curriculum as other pupils.
3. The Governing Body is required to abide by the maximum limits for infant classes (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) of 30 pupils per Year Group. The sizes of junior classes are determined by the school's standard number (based on size of classrooms) and are strictly limited to 30 pupils.
4. When there are more applications than there are places available, the governors will admit pupils according to their Admissions Criteria.
5. Parents who are not offered a place for their child have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel. Parents wishing to appeal should obtain an appeal form from the office and attach it to a letter addressed to the Clerk of the Appeals Panel c/o the school, no later than 20 school days after the date of the letter confirming the governors' decision not to offer a place. Should an appeal be unsuccessful, the governing body will allow parents the option of placing the application in the school's waiting list.6. 'The school is committed to taking its fair share of vulnerable children who are hard to place, in accordance with locally agreed protocols. Accordingly, outside the normal round of admissions, the governing body are empowered to give consideration to a child where admission is requested under any local protocol which carries the agreement of both the governing body and the diocese for the current admission year. The governing body has this power even when admitting such a child would exceed the normal admission number.'

The following criteria are used to determine the order in which children will be offered places in the event of there being more applications than there are places available.

1. Children who are looked after in Public Care.
2. Children of families who regularly worship at the Anglican churches of St James, Clerkenwell Close; Our Most Holy Redeemer, Exmouth Market; St Mark's, Myddelton Square; St Clement, King Square and St Silas, Penton Street; who have a sibling already in Clerkenwell Parochial C of E School and will have at the time they enter the school.
3. Children of families who regularly worship at the Anglican churches of St James, Clerkenwell Close; Our Most Holy Redeemer, Exmouth Market; St Mark's, Myddelton Square; St Clement, King Square and St Silas, Penton Street.
4. Children who have a sibling already in Clerkenwell Parochial C of E School and will have at the time they enter the school.
5. Children of families who regularly worship at a recognised Christian Church.
6. Any other applicant.

Tie Break

If all other factors are equal, the child living the shortest distance from the school will be offered.

Notes

(a) This applies to 2, 3, and 5 above. 'Regularly worship' is defined as attendance at least twice a month over a period of two years. The school requires the parents to provide a letter to the school from a Parish Priest, or from a Leader of a recognised Christian Church.

(b) This applies to 5 above. A recognised Christian Church is defined as a Member of 'Churches Together in Britain' or a Member of the 'Evangelical Alliance'.

(c) All Reception aged children start in September of each year.

(d) This applies to 2 and 4 above. '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.

(e) This applies to the Tie Break. Nearness to the school will be determined by a computerized mapping system using a straight line distance measurement. Routes will be calculated from the home address (as defined by the Land & Property Gazetteer) to the midpoint of the school grounds (as determined by Islington Local Authority).