

St Andrew's (Barnsbury) CE Primary School

Admissions Policy 2016-17



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Admissions Policy

Our Vision

At St Andrew's (Barnsbury) CE Primary School our vision is that all members are confident and persistent in the pursuit of high aspirations by using the talents that God has given us to achieve our goals.

We do this by having:

- a safe and happy Christian environment where everyone is respected and valued
- an inclusive broad, enjoyable and interesting curriculum
- high expectations of behaviour, self discipline and independence
- opportunities to pursue career and recreational interests
- high expectations to progress and excel
- opportunities to link with local and global communities.

St Andrew's is a Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School. The ethos and practice of the school encompasses Christian values and our aim is to serve our local community.

We encourage prospective parents to come and view our school. Prospective parents are welcome to make an appointment to see the school at any time by calling the school office and further information about this and the application process is available in the London Borough of Islington Primary Schools Admission Brochure or online at www.islington.gov.uk.

As a one-form entry school we will admit thirty new entrants each year. All new children will be admitted to the Reception Class in September, after the child's 4th birthday. If there are more applicants than places available, the Governors will admit children according to the following over-subscription criteria and in the order of priority below:

Admissions Criteria for St Andrew's School

1. Looked after children: These are children in the care of the Local Authority. This includes children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they have become adopted or become subject to child arrangements order or special guardianship order.
2. Children who have brothers and/or sisters already attending the school at the time of admission: This refers to children who live at the same permanent address and have the same parents/guardians at the time the admission policy is implemented.
3. Children whose parents/guardians are practising Christians regularly worshipping at churches in the Barnsbury Team Ministry* (which includes the following local churches – St Andrew's Thornhill Square, All Saints Carnegie Street, Church on the Corner Barnsbury Road and the Paget Christian Centre Randall's Road). Regular worship means attendance at a church service at least twice a month for a year. The clergy supplementary form completed by the vicar must be enclosed with the application.
4. Children whose parents live in the parish of the Barnsbury Team Ministry* and are committed members of and regular worshippers in other Christian churches and Chapels: These must be members of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and/or The Evangelical Alliance. Regular worship means attendance at a church service at least twice a month for a year. The clergy supplementary form must be completed by the Vicar or Minister of the church.

5. Children who live within the Parish of the Barnsbury Team Ministry*: Places will be allocated on the basis of distance from home to school measured in a straight line determined by Islington Local Authority. Priority will be given to those who live nearest to the school.
6. All other applicants with priority being given to those who live nearest to the school: Distance from home to school is measured in a straight line determined by Islington Local Authority.

*See attached map of the parish boundary The boundary is generally in the centre of the roads marked in red. For a more detailed map of the parish boundary please see St Andrew's Church website www.standrewsislington.com

Tie Break

In the event that two children have the same distance from the school, then a decision will be made using random allocation.

Application Process

The Islington Primary Common Admission Form must be completed by Islington residents. Residents from other boroughs need to complete their home local authority admission forms. The clergy supplementary form (available from the school) must be completed if you wish church membership to be taken into account when your application is considered.

The responsibility for decisions on admission of individual children rests with the Governing Body. All applications will be considered equally against the criteria. Admission forms may be completed at any time up until the closing date. The final date for Islington residents to return their Primary Common Application Form to Islington Council School Admissions is in January each year. Please refer to your home local authority for exact closing dates. The St Andrew's clergy supplementary form should also be completed and returned to the school by this date, if applicable.

All unsuccessful applicants for the Reception class who have not already been offered a place at a school which was a higher preference on their Primary Common Admission Form will automatically be placed on the waiting list for that year group. The waiting list will be held by the School until the October half term following the September in which children were admitted to the Reception class. The school will also keep a waiting list that will be regularly reviewed. Unsuccessful applicants also have the right to appeal, please contact Islington School Admissions for further advice.

The Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a place if there is evidence that the application was fraudulent or deliberately misleading or where a parent has not responded to an offer by the specified date.

In year admissions

Applications for places in classes other than Reception should be made in the same way as those made during the normal admissions round. Applications should be made directly to your home local authority. Please note that the clergy supplementary form must be completed if the applicant wishes church membership to be taken into account when the application is considered.

If a place is available in a particular class and there is no waiting list for that class, then the home local authority will communicate the offer of a place directly to the family who has applied for it. If more applications are received than there are places available, then applications will be ranked in accordance with the Admissions Criteria set out in this policy. However, children who do not currently have a school place or the offer of a school place will be given the highest priority after looked after children.



Maps showing the Barnsbury Parish Boundary

