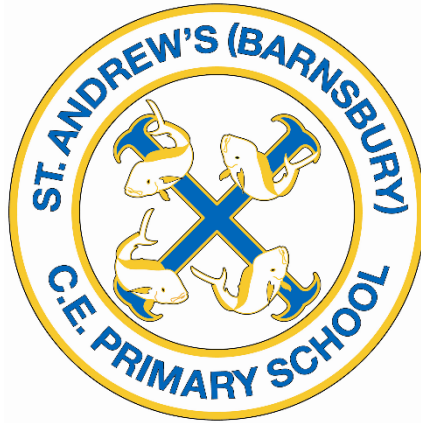


St Andrew's (Barnsbury) CE Primary School

Admissions Policy 2026-27



'Realising Potential through Faith, Hope and Love'

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From 1 Corinthians 13:13

'And now these three remain:

FAITH, HOPE and LOVE,

But the greatest of these is LOVE.'

At St. Andrew's (Barnsbury), we believe that every member of our community is unique, cherished and valued as a child of God. Inspired by the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians and rooted in the principle of Christian **hope**, we aim to realise potential by giving our children the opportunities, aspirations and skills to flourish and thrive in an ever changing and challenging world. Grounded in Christian **faith**, our school is a nurturing and inclusive environment where children learn how to live well together, celebrate and embrace differences and learn to **love** one another as **Christ loves us**.

St. Andrew's (Barnsbury) 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.

This Admissions Policy is compliant with the School Admissions Code 2021 published by the DfE.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1001050/School_admissions_code_2021.pdf

We encourage prospective parents to come and view our school and to visit the school website www.standrews.islington.sch.uk. Prospective parents are welcome to make an appointment to see the school at any time by calling the school office on 020 7837 4049. Further information about the application process is available in the London Borough of Islington Primary Schools Admission Brochure or online at <https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>.

Admissions Criteria for St Andrew's (Barnsbury) School

As a one-form entry school, we will admit 30 new children each year. In the event that more applications are made than places available, the following criteria will be applied in order to allocate places:

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

Children with EHCP that names the school will be allocated a place through a separate procedure (usually a consultation with the SEND department of the appropriate Local Authority), in accordance with the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice.

1. Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children:

"Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted".

By a 'looked-after child', we mean one in the care of a local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of its social services function. An 'adoption order' is one made under the

Adoption Act 1976 (Section 12) or the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Section 46). A 'child arrangements order' is one settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live (Children Act 1989, Section 8, as amended by the Children and Families Act 2014, Section 14). A 'special guardianship order' is one appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian/s (Children Act 1989, Section 14A). Applications under this criterion should be accompanied by evidence to show that the child is 'looked after' or was 'previously looked after' (e.g. a copy of the adoption, child arrangements 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 Parish* - St. Andrew's Thornhill Square and Church on the Corner Barnsbury 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 Barnsbury Parish* and are committed members of and regular worshippers in other Christian churches and chapels:

These must be members of Churches Together in England 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 of members of staff at St. Andrew's Barnsbury School:

Where the member of staff has been employed for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post at the school for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

6. Children who live within the Barnsbury Parish*:

Places will be allocated on the basis of distance from home to school measured in a straight line from the home address to the main school entrance in Matilda Street N1. Priority will be given to those who live nearest to the school.

7. 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 from the home address to the main school entrance in Matilda Street N1.

*See attached map of the parish boundary.

Tie Break

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

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 for the autumn term from the September in which children were admitted to the Reception Class. If a child is added to the waiting list, then the list will be ranked again in line with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list is time-limited so it will be assumed that parents no longer require a place if they have not contacted the school by the 31st December. 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.

Multiple Births

If only one place is available at the school and the next child who qualifies for a place is one of multiple birth siblings, the school will exceed their published admission number to support the family as required by the School Admissions Code 2021. These children will be deemed as 'excepted' pupils under infant class size legislation.

Deferred Admissions

Children are admitted to the Reception Class in the September following their 4th birthday. Where a child is below compulsory school age, parents have the right to request that their child's entry be delayed until later in the school year. Entry cannot be delayed beyond the beginning of the term after the child's 5th birthday, nor beyond the end of the academic year for which the original application was accepted. Parents may also request that their child attend school on a part-time basis until they reach compulsory school age. This should be discussed with the Head Teacher at the earliest opportunity.

Summer Born Children

Children whose 4th birthday falls between 1st April and the 31st August 2026 whose parents *do not* wish them to start school in the year 2026-27 but to be admitted in September 2027 for school year 2027-28, should discuss this with the school at an early stage. Decisions will be made based on the circumstances of each case and the best interests of the child. Parental views, academic achievement, social and emotional development will all be taken into account. If parents wish to defer, they will need to apply for a Year 1 place for the following September, but if the school is oversubscribed then parents should be aware there may be no vacancies in the Year 1 class as it could be full.

Children Educated Outside Their Chronological Age Group

Parents may apply for their child to be educated outside his/her chronological age group i.e. a year behind/a year ahead. Applications should be made to the Chair of Governors at the time of application and any supporting evidence should be submitted at the same time. Governors will consider each case on its own merit.

In Year Admissions

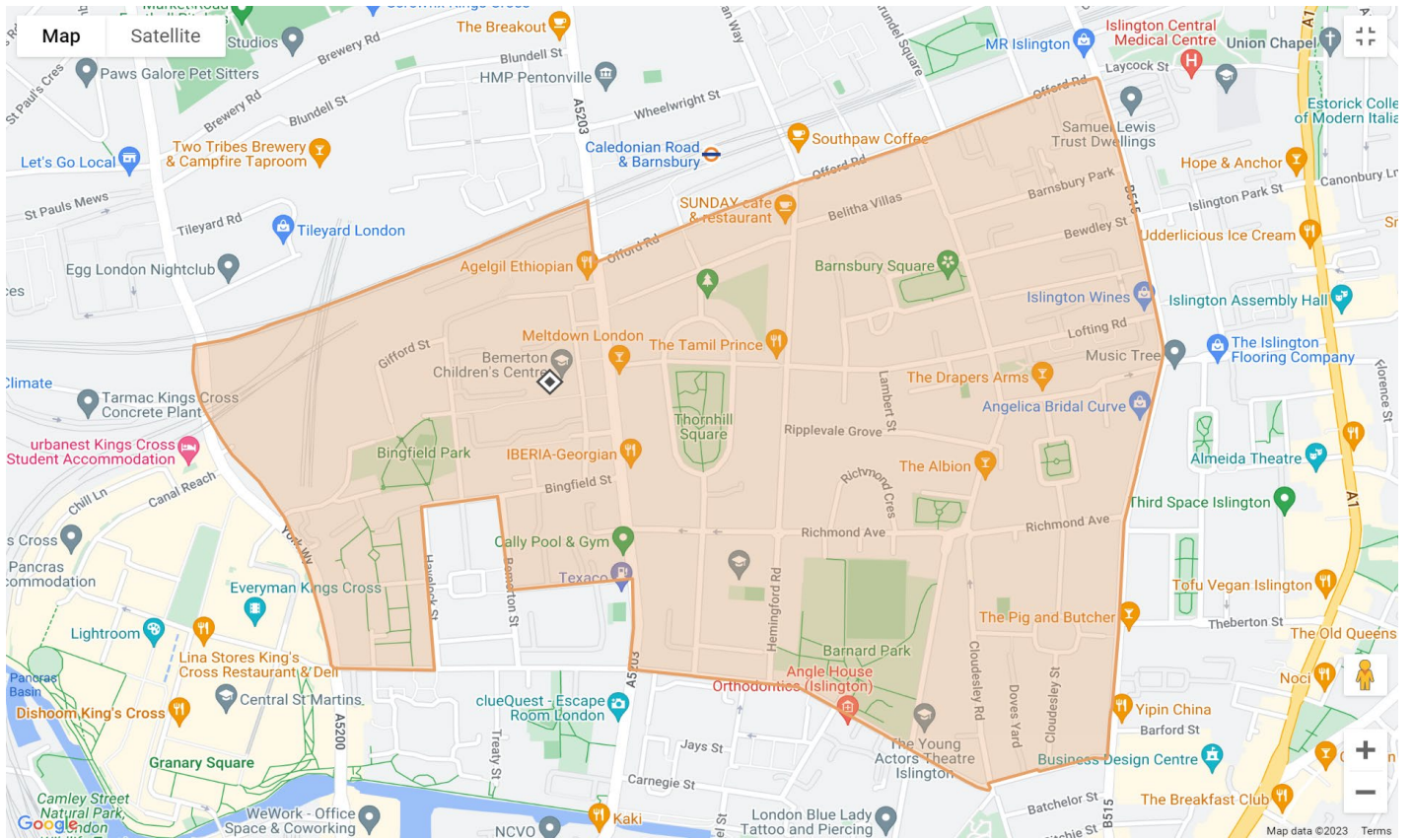
Applications for places in classes other than Reception are dealt with by the school. Applications for In-Year should be made at <https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>.

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 school 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.

Parish of Barnsbury, Islington
Showing the new boundaries of the Parish since the reorganisation in March 2023





Taken from A Church Near You

Map showing the location of St. Andrew's School within Islington

