

Governors' Admission Criteria – September 2021

These are the criteria, in priority order, by which Reception Class places will be allocated this year, and by which casual vacancies are filled as they occur.

1. Children who are looked after by a Local Authority under the provision of the Children's Act of 1989. 'Looked after child' has the same meaning as in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989, and means any child in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by them (e.g. children with foster parents). A looked after child also encompasses a child who is adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been 'looked after'. An adopted child is defined by section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. A residence order is defined by section 8 of the Children's Act 1989. A special guardianship order is defined by section 14A of the Children Act 1989.

2. Children whose parent/s are committed members of and frequently worship at St Paul's Parish Church, Mill Hill. To fulfil this criterion, the parent/s must be on the Electoral Roll (unless a member of the clergy) of St. Paul's Church and have attended at least two Sunday services a month for a period of not less than two years before the date of the application for admission (subject to note 2 below as to this minimum 2 year requirement). Evidence to verify this will be required from the Vicar (or, in the event of an interregnum, from the Churchwardens).

3. Children whose parent/s are committed members of and regularly worship in other Anglican Churches within the Deanery of West Barnet, and for whom St Paul's is the nearest Church of England school. To fulfil this criterion, the parent/s must be on the Electoral Roll of the Church concerned and have attended at least two Sunday services a month for a period of not less than two years before the date of the application for admission (subject to note 2 below as to this minimum 2 year requirement). Evidence to verify this will be required from the Vicar (or, in the event of an interregnum, from the Churchwardens).

4. Children who will have siblings at the school at the time of admission. Siblings refer to all blood, half, step, adoptive and foster children who live at the same home address as the child already attending the school and will be attending the school at the time of the sibling's attendance.

5. Children whose parent/s are committed members of and frequently worship in Christian Churches and Chapels in St Paul's Parish, as recognised by the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland, and for whom St Paul's is the nearest Church of England school. To fulfil this criterion, parent/s must have attended at least two Sunday services a month for a period of not less than two years before the date of the application for admission (subject to note 2 below as to this minimum 2 year requirement).. Evidence to verify this will be required from the Vicar or Minister of the Church concerned.

6. Children for whom St Paul's is the nearest Church of England school.

7. Children who live in St Paul's Parish.

When deciding between applicants who ostensibly have equal entitlement under the above criteria, the Governors will have regard to the proximity of the applicant's home to the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school using the Local Authority's measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Any remaining places will also be allocated according to proximity to the school as above.

Pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs

The admission of pupils with statements of special educational needs is dealt with by a completely separate procedure. This procedure is integral to the making and maintaining of statements by the pupil's home Local Education Authority. Details of this separate procedure are set out in the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice.

Notes

The Admission Forum or the local authority may require the school to admit a child exceptionally, either outside the normal admission arrangements or in excess of the published admission limit, in order to protect the interests of vulnerable children and those with challenging behaviour. These pupils will be shared between schools in ways that are fair, objective and transparent.

In relation to criteria 2, 3 and 5 and only for those parents who have recently moved permanently into the area, evidence will be required from their former minister of committed membership and frequent worship at their previous church to satisfy the minimum 2 years requirement. A statement on the form provided will be required from the minister of the church attended.

In so far as these admission criteria require that applicants live in the area, this is subject to the arrangements in respect of children of UK Service Personnel (UK Armed Forces) in the School Admissions Code.

Deferred Entry – Summer Born Children

Parents of summer born children (born between 1 April and 31 August) are currently able to request that their child defer entry to a reception class for up to a full academic year but not beyond the 1st September of the academic year following. When such a request is made the school will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the head teacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.