

**St John's CE Primary School
Crescent Road, Friern Barnet, London N11 3LB**

Admission Criteria for Main School 2020-2021

Should the school be oversubscribed, the Governors will apply the following criteria for admission in order of priority:

1. Children who are in the public care of a Local Authority (Looked after Children) or children previously in public care who ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order.
2. Children whose parents or guardians are on the Electoral Roll of the Parish of Friern Barnet, are actively involved in worship at St John's Church attending at least twice a month and have done so for a minimum of two years.
3. Children who have a sibling at the school at the time of entry.
4. Children whose parents or guardians are on the Electoral Roll and are actively involved in worship in an Anglican Church, other than St John's Friern Barnet, attending at least twice a month and have done so for a minimum of two years. References must be provided by the Incumbent (or Church Wardens in the event of an interregnum) using the relevant space provided in the 'Supplementary Information Form.'
5. Children of staff at the school will be given priority under this category where
 - a. a member of staff has been employed at St John's School for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made, or
 - b. a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
6. Children whose parents or guardians are actively involved in worship in a church which is a member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland or the Evangelical Alliance and have attended church at least twice a month for two years. References must be provided by the parish priest or minister of religion in support of the application, stating the families' involvement in the life of prayer and worship in their communities. References must be provided using the relevant space provided in the 'Supplementary Information Form.'
7. Children living nearest the school.

Notes:

Ty-Break: In each of the above categories, priority will be given to families or staff living nearest to the school, as measured by the London Borough of Barnet. All applications must include proof of residency, in the form of a recent utility bill, required both at the time of application and of entry. Governors reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a place if any false information is given. Application forms must be received by the school no later than the end of the second week of January proceeding the relevant academic year of commencement.

Fair Access Protocol: 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.

Sibling: The school defines siblings as “a brother or sister, half brother or sister, step brother or sister, adopted brother or sister and foster brother or sister living in the same family unit at the same address. Cousins or other relatives are not siblings.

Deferred Entry: Children will be normally admitted to the reception class in the September following their fourth birthday. However, in line with the School Admissions Code, parents can defer their child’s entry to the reception year until later in the school year, where they have been offered a place at the school, to start before they are of compulsory school age. Where entry is deferred, the school will hold the place for that child and not offer it to another. However, entry cannot be deferred beyond the beginning of the term after the child’s fifth birthday, nor beyond the end of the reception year. Parents can also request that their child attends part-time until they reach compulsory school age. Governors invite parents or guardians to consult with the school before making final decisions on deferred entry.

Multiple Births: If only one place is available at the school and the next child who qualifies for a place is one of multiple births the Governing Body will carefully consider admission above the published admission number. Governors will consider both supporting the family concerned and the needs of the particular year group potentially affected, before a decision is reached.

Waiting List: Waiting lists for all year groups will be maintained and vacancies filled in accordance with the over-subscription criteria. Should a new child be added, the waiting list will be re-considered using the same criteria.

In-year Casual Applications: Applications for in-year admissions should be made direct to the school and will be dealt with in accordance with the school’s over-subscription criteria.