

## **1. Admissions Policy and Criteria**

### **ST. PATRICK'S C.E. SCHOOL SALTER STREET, EARLSWOOD, SOLIHULL, B94 6DE**

#### **Admissions Policy**

Our admissions process is part of the Local Authority co-ordinated scheme. Application forms are available from the Local Authority in the autumn before admission.

The school's admission number is 30. Where the number of applications is lower than the school's admission number, all applicants will be admitted. If there are more applications than places available then all applications will be considered, together and at one time by a committee of the Governing Body.

#### **Oversubscription criteria**

If the number of applications for the reception class or a particular year group exceeds the number of places available the following criteria will be used.

1. Children looked after by a Local Authority (in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act)
2. Children who would have a brother or sister at the school at the time they start school.
3. Children who live in the designated catchment area for St. Patrick's School.
4. Children of people who regularly worship at St. Patrick's Church and who live within the Borough of Solihull.
5. Children who live within the boundaries of the Parish of Salter Street and Shirley.
6. Other children

#### **Notes:**

1. Under criteria 2 a brother or sister must live at the same address and could be:
  - A brother or sister sharing the same parents;
  - A half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one parent;
  - A stepbrother or stepsister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage or civil partnership (a formal arrangement

that gives same-sex couples the same legal status as married couples);

- The separate children of a couple who live together; or
- An adopted or fostered brother or sister.

2. the following roads are in St. Patrick's designated catchment area:

- Lady Lane
- Shutt Lane evens 56-72 & Brook Farm
- Lime Kiln Lane
- Salter Street: 1 & 11 Barnfields, Bedworth Farm, Milkhouse Farm, School House
- Tanworth Lane 551-601 572-586 Bannisters Cottage, Mount Court
- Valley Road : Brook View Engine House Cottage
- Vicarage Road
- Waring's Green Road : Earlsmere House, Lodge Paddocks, Stores Cottage, Waring Leys, Warren House, Wharf Farm, Nesta Bungalow

3. To be considered under criteria 4 a supporting letter from the Priest of the church, confirming attendance at least twice a month during the previous twelve months must be attached to the application form.

4. If offering places within any one of the criteria would cause the school's admission number to be exceeded, then children living nearest will be offered first. Distances are measured by the Local Authority admissions system using ADDRESS-POINT®. ADDRESS-POINT provides a national grid co-ordinate and a unique reference for each postal address in Great Britain. The grid reference is provided to a resolution of 0.1 metre (10cm). The accuracy of each ADDRESS-POINT is such that each point will fall within the addressed building. If two or more applicants share the same distance to a school and a place is available the place offered by the Local Authority will be determined by random selection.

5. Waiting lists are produced in strict order of priority, against the over-subscription criteria and are managed by the Local Authority. Waiting lists are kept until the end of the autumn term. After this a Local Authority change of school application form will need to be completed.

6. Applications or changes to your application received after the closing date and before the Governors' admissions meeting are late, but will be considered if possible. Applications received after the Governors' decision meeting are late and will be considered after applications with the same priority that were received on time (unless there are particular circumstances which prevented you from applying earlier).

7. If possible places will be offered at the same school to twins, triplets and children from other multiples births, as long as we comply with infant class size legislation. If only one place can be offered the parent will choose which child should have the place.
8. The home address is the place where the child is permanently resident with his or her parents. When a child lives between two addresses, the address used for offering a school place will be where the child lives for most of the school week (Monday to Friday). If care is split equally, parents can choose which address will be used.
9. Applications for a school place at any time other than the normal time for admission (in-year admission) should be made to the Admissions Team of the council in which you live. The application will be processed by the Local Authority. If there is a vacancy in the relevant year group a place will be offered. If the year group is full the governing body will apply the admission criteria to the application so that it can be placed on the waiting list.
10. The Governing Body recognises its duty to comply with the Local Authority Fair Access Protocol to provide fair access to school for pupils who need a school place because they have missed, or are at risk of missing, education.
11. Parents who wish to appeal against the decision of the Governors to refuse their child a place in the school may apply in writing to the Chair of Governors. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.

Supplementary information forms are available from the school or the Solihull Council website <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/admissionarrangements/2010.htm>