

Lady Katherine Leveson C of E Primary School

Fen End Road West, Temple Balsall, Knowle, Solihull, B93 0AN

Admissions Policy for Entry September 2017

This is a Christian, Church of England school, supported by our Church, St. Mary the Virgin, Temple Balsall that sets out to serve the whole of our community. We welcome children from all sections of the community, including those whose families attend a Christian church alongside those of other faith communities or none. We welcome and celebrate a diverse and richly cultured school community.

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 28. 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 a particular year group exceeds the number of places available the following criteria will be used.

1. Children looked after by a Local Authority and children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
2. Children who would have a brother or sister at the school at the start of the autumn term. Brother or sister defined according to the Solihull definition.
3. Children who have been baptised and whose families regularly attend the parish of St Mary the Virgin, Temple Balsall.
4. Children whose families regularly attend any other Christian churches.
5. Children living in the catchment area.
6. Children who live in the catchment area of Arden School and Heart of England School.
7. Other children.

Notes:

1. Children with a statement of special educational needs that names Lady Katherine Leveson C of E Primary School will be offered a place first. This will reduce the number of places available.
2. The Governors of Lady Katherine Leveson C of E Primary School define regular attendance as attending church 12 times in 12 months, but no less than 6 months, prior to application. This must be supported by a letter of support from the local minister.
3. Under priority 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.
4. There is no guarantee of transfer from nursery to reception class; a further application must be made in the following year.
5. If offering places within any one of the criteria would cause the schools admission number to be exceeded, then children living nearest will be offered first. Distances are measured by the Local Authority's computerised admissions system. The admissions system uses six-figure grid references provided by the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG). The grid references provide a unique point on each property."
6. 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.
7. 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).
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.

This Policy was approved by the Governing Body on 14th October 2015