

St. Alphege CE Federation of Schools Admissions Policy 2020 - 2021



Our admissions process is part of the Local Authority co-ordinated scheme. The application process starts in the autumn before admission and applications may be made online at www.solihull.gov.uk/enrol.

The schools' admission numbers are 60 for Nursery, 75 for Infants, 70 for Juniors. 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.

- Priority 1 Children looked after by a Local Authority (in line with section 22 of the Children Act) 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).
- Priority 2 Children on roll at St. Alphege Infant School at the time of application (for Junior applications only)
- Priority 3 Baptised children whose parents regularly worship at St. Alphege or the District Churches of the parish, St. Helen's and St. Michael's and who would have a brother or sister at the St. Alphege Schools at the same time.
- Priority 4 Baptised children whose parents regularly worship at St. Alphege or one of its District Churches.
- Priority 5 Baptised children whose parents regularly worship at a Church of England church other than St. Alphege or one of its District Churches.
- Priority 6 Baptised children whose parents regularly worship at a Church of a mainstream Trinitarian Christian denomination and who live within the parish of St. Alphege.
- Priority 7 Baptised children whose parents regularly worship at a church of a mainstream Trinitarian Christian denomination and who live outside the parish of St. Alphege.
- Priority 8 Other baptised children.
- Priority 9 Children of families that regularly worship at St. Alphege, or the district churches of St. Helen's or St. Michael's in Solihull.
- Priority 10 Children who would have a brother or sister at the schools at the same time.
- Priority 11 Other children

Notes:

1. Children with a statement of special educational needs that names St. Alphege Schools will be offered a place first. This will reduce the number of places available.
2. For priority groups 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 a copy of the child's Baptismal certificate must be included with the completed religious form (to be obtained from and returned to the School) as well as applying to the Local Authority.
3. For priority group 8 a copy of the child's Baptismal certificate must be sent to the school, as well as applying to the Local Authority.

For priority group 9 a copy of the completed religious form must be obtained from and returned to the School, as well as applying to the Local Authority.

4. For members of churches other than the Church of England, proof is required that the child has undergone the rite of that particular church which is equivalent to baptism.
5. Practising means members of a church who attend worship at least 10 times in the year prior to submitting the application and this should be confirmed by a letter from the vicar or minister of the church.
6. There is no automatic transfer from St. Alphege Nursery to the Reception classes of St. Alphege Infant School. Parents/carers need to apply for a place in Reception for their child the following year.
7. In line with Local Authority policy, children attending St. Alphege Infant School have the right to transfer to St. Alphege Junior School.
8. Under Priorities 3 and 10 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 the 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
9. 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.
10. Waiting lists are produced in strict order of priority, against the oversubscription 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.

11. Applications or changes to your application received after the closing date and before the Governors' admissions meeting are late, but will be considered by the Governors 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).
12. 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.
13. 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 by the Governors. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.