



## Admissions Criteria 2021/22

### 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 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 time they start school.
3. Children who live in the designated catchment area for St. Patrick's C.E. Primary Academy.
4. Children of people who regularly worship at St. Patrick's Church.
5. Children who live within the boundary of the Parish (or areas) of St Patrick's Salter Street. (A map of the Parish can be viewed by mutually convenient appointment at St. Patrick's C.E. Primary Academy, Salter Street, Earlswood, Solihull B94 6DE)
6. Other children

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### Notes:

Children with an education, health and care plan that names St. Patrick's CE Academy will be offered a place first.

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.
  - Priority is not given if the brother or sister attends the nursery as this is non-statutory education.
  
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
  - Warings 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 **PLEASE NOTE that we have applied to the DfE for the following Variation clause to be added: [redacted]. In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.<sup>1</sup>**
  
4. There is no guarantee of transfer from nursery to reception class; a further application must be made the following year.
  
5. If possible, places will be offered to twins, triplets and children from other multiple births, as long as we comply with infant class size legislation.

<sup>1</sup> An application is being made to the OSA for a variation to this policy to include this highlighted phrase.

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6. 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 computerised admissions system. The admissions system uses six-figured grid references provided by the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG). The grid references provide a unique point on each property.
7. Applications received after the closing date are late and will not be processed until after the published offer day. Late applications will be considered when places are allocated from the waiting list.
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.

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