



### Admissions Criteria 2023/24

#### **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 and places will be allocated in the following order

#### **Oversubscription criteria**

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 child arrangements order or special guardianship order). From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 this also includes children who it appears to the admission authority were in state care outside of England but ceased to be in state care through adoption.
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. (see note 5)
4. Children of parent(s) 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. This includes, Cheswick Green, Dickens Heath, Monkspath, Blythe Valley and part of Earlswood. (Please follow this link for a map of the parish <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/search/?lat=52.3679111&lon=-1.8221074&place=Salter+St%2C+Solihull%2C+UK&text=> )
6. Other children

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### Notes:

1. Children with an education, health and care plan that names St. Patrick's CE Academy will be offered a place. This is not an oversubscription criterion.
2. Under criteria 2 a brother or sister must live at the same address and could be:
  - a. A brother or sister sharing the same parents;
  - b. A half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one parent;
  - c. 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);
  - d. The separate children of a couple who live together; or
  - e. An adopted or fostered brother or sister.
  - f. Priority is not given if the brother or sister attends the nursery as this is non- statutory education.
3. For the purposes of education law, the Department for Education considers a 'parent' to include:
  - a. all biological parents, whether they are married or not;
  - b. any person who, although not a biological parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person - this could be an adoptive parent, a step-parent, guardian or other relative;
  - c. any person who, although not a biological parent and not having parental responsibility, has care of a child or young person. A person typically has care of a child or young person if they are the person with whom the child lives, either full or part time and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their biological or legal relationship is with the child.
4. A child's home address is the place where the child is permanently resident with his or her Parent(s). 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, the parents can choose which address will be used. In the event of a dispute between parents who each have parental responsibility, the matter may ultimately need to be resolved by the courts.
5. 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

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6. To be considered under criteria 4 a completed supplementary information form (SIF), confirming one or both parent's attendance at least twice a month for the 12 months immediately prior to the date of application, must be provided to the school office in advance of the local authority's closing date for admissions.  
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.
7. There is no guarantee of transfer from nursery to reception class.
8. 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. If two or more applicants share the same distance to the school/Academy and only one place is available, the applicant to whom the place will be offered will be determined by random selection. If possible, places will be offered to twins, triplets and children from other multiple births.
9. 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.
10. Waiting lists are produced in strict order of priority, against the over-subscription criteria. Waiting lists are kept until the end of the autumn term in the year of admission.
11. 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. Addition of a child's name to the waiting list will require the list to be re-ranked
12. The Governing Board 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.
13. 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 via the school office. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.
14. For more information regarding admission of children below compulsory school age, deferred entry and admission of children outside their normal age group: please follow the link <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/School-admissions>

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