

**ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR
RECEPTION CLASSES**

ST NICHOLAS C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS TO THIS SCHOOL

We welcome all children from the community as well as those
from Christian and other faith backgrounds

Parents or carers considering applying for a place at St Nicholas C of E are warmly invited to visit the school by appointment to meet the headteacher, staff and children.

Our school continues to be popular. Our standard admission number which is set by the government as a legal limit is 30 in our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes.

The school will admit all children having a statement of special educational need in whose statement the school is named.

As a voluntary aided primary school decisions about admissions remain the responsibility of the governing body. When the number of applications received exceeds 30 the governors will apply the following **oversubscription criteria**.

Category 1

Children in public care – looked after children.

Category 2

Children who have a sibling currently attending the school and who will still be there at the start of the academic year in which the child takes up his/her place.

The remainder of places after Categories 1 and 2 have been filled, will then be considered under Category 3.

Category 3

Children whose parents worship at least once a month, in St Nicholas Church, Blundellsands for the 12 month period before the application deadline for the child to start school.

Category 4

Children whose parents worship at least once a month, at another Christian Church for the 12 month period before the application deadline for the child to start school.

Category 5

Any other children will be ranked according to distance.

DEFINITIONS

Parents

A parent is defined as the person with parental responsibility.

Siblings

Sibling includes half, step, foster, adopted brothers or sisters living at the same address.

Children in Public Care

This includes any “looked after child” and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residences or special guardianship order.

Twins etc.

Where there are twins, triplets wanting admissions and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the governing body will exercise as much flexibility as possible with the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances we are now able to offer places for both twins and all triplets, even when this means breaching infant class size limits. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group.

Worship

One parent attending worship at least once a month for at least one year prior to the date of the application deadline for the child to start school. Anything less is too tenuous to provide an objective criterion. The school will request a reference from your vicar/minister or other designated church officer. **It is parents’ responsibility to ensure the reference has been completed and returned to school by the closing date stated on the supplementary form.** The supplementary form, asking for the contact details of your referee will be sent to you via email before the end of February in the year your child is due to start school, once we have received confirmation of application from the Local Authority. **If you have not received a supplementary form via email by the end of February, please contact our school office.**

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The Committee will accept all the applications in Category 1, and then those in Category 2, and so on until all the thirty places available for admission are filled.

Where the final place falls within a category that contains a number of applications, inclusion among those accepted for admission will be decided on the proximity of each child’s home address to the school; those living closest to the school being accepted. The Local Authority’s legal definition of this measurement is as follows:

“the order of proximity is determined in every case by measuring the shortest route which can be walked from the point on the boundary of the property at which access is normally gained from the front entrance to the highway which is the property’s address to the nearest school gate”

NB. Evidence of parents’ address may be required.