



Admission Arrangements 2026/2027

ST NICHOLAS' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

1. A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after, including children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England, and ceased to be so as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order)¹
2. Siblings: Children who have a brother or sister (including adopted, foster, half or step who live at the same address) attending the school in the September the child will start school.
3. St Nicholas Church: Children whose parents or guardians attend St Nicholas Church, Blundellsands, at least once a month for the 12 month period before the application deadline for the child to start school (normally January.) Confirmation of attendance from the clergy will be required via supplementary information form.
4. Another Christian Church (Christian Church means any church which is designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York or locally by the diocesan bishop, or is a member of Churches Together in England, or the Evangelical Alliance, or a partner church of Affinity): Children whose parents or guardians are members of another Christian Church and who attend Church at least once a month for the 12 month period before the application deadline for the child to start school (normally January.) Confirmation of attendance from the clergy will be required via supplementary information form.
5. All other applications

Tie Breaker: Proximity of home to school (safe walking distance from the property's address point to the main entrance of the school as calculated by the Local Authority)

NB each criterion will be applied in turn. If more pupils apply under each criterion than spaces, the tie breaker will apply.

Parents of children offered a place in reception that are not yet five have the option to defer their child's start date until later in the school year. (Until the term when the child reaches five.) In addition, the parents of a summer born child may request to delay the child's entry to school until the following September (the term when they reach five) where the child would then be admitted out of their normal age group – to reception rather than Year 1. Parents making such a request must apply to the Local Authority Admissions team initially who will forward the request to the school. Any request to delay entry to school (out of the normal year group) that is approved by the School Governors will mean a further application must be made for the child as part of the main admissions round the following year.

¹ A looked after child is a child who is in the care of a local authority in England, or is being provided with accommodation by a local authority in England in the exercise of their social services functions.



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