

**Christ Church CE School
Admissions Policy
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Mission Statement

The Christian Faith is at the heart of our school community. At Christ Church we care for each other and learn together.

Christ Church is a small, caring school which is committed to a broad, balanced curriculum and to a continual raising of standards. We aim to contribute to the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical needs of every individual.

We are a Church of England school, with a strong commitment to the teaching of Christianity whilst supporting a multi-faith approach to the curriculum. We recognise, value and celebrate the rich cultural diversity that exists in our school.

The Christian ethos of the school is reflected in our positive, disciplined and calm atmosphere. We believe that effective learning takes place when children work in a purposeful and stimulating environment that supports a wide range of learning styles. Mutual respect between adults and children promotes excellent behaviour and well developed social skills. With this approach we seek to achieve high academic standards.

We aim to cater for each individual, taking particular account of any specific needs or abilities. We endeavour to ensure that all our children fulfil their potential and, within this context, we emphasise health and safety, enjoyment and achievement and the beginnings of responsibility for themselves and others. These skills will be carried forward to the next phase of education and throughout life.

The whole school community is committed to a collective responsibility for the implementation of the values inherent in this statement.

Our School Aims - Every Child Matters

The Ethos of the School

The school aims to provide a positive, disciplined, purposeful environment, within a Christian context. We aim to teach children to be caring, to exhibit good behaviour and appropriate social skills and to begin to take responsibility for themselves and others.

The Values of the School

The School aims to value every child and to contribute to the Spiritual, Moral, Cultural, Mental and Physical well being of our whole school community. We value the diversity of our community and we aim to promote the health and safety of everyone.

The Standards of the School

The School aims to teach a balanced Curriculum and to ensure that each child fulfils his or her potential. We aim to provide teaching and learning of a high standard. We believe that this is achieved when pupils are highly motivated, enjoy coming to school, and are appropriately challenged.

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Governors hope that the parents and carers who have chosen this school for their child have done so knowing that it is a Church of England school with a distinctive Christian ethos. Governors therefore expect the parent/carer to give their full support to the ethos of the school.

The school welcomes visits from parents and carers and invites them to attend an Open Meeting where they can hear about the school.

Criteria

Christ Church is a one form entry school with 210 full time pupils and we admit 30 children into Reception each year. When the school has more applications than places available, children are admitted to the nursery and to the school according to these criteria, which are applied in the following order:

1. Looked After Children or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became the subject of an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order.
2. Children whose parent/carers are regular worshippers at St Mary Magdalene Church, Munster Square and have attended the Church fortnightly for at least a year - proof should be obtained from the Parish Priest. (A parent/carer is any person who has parental responsibility for, or is the legal guardian of, the child).
3. Children who have a sibling at the school at the time of attendance. (Sibling refers to brother/sister/half brother/sister/adopted brother/sister/step brother/sister or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is being sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling).
4. Children who already attend the nursery at Christ Church School.
5. Children whose parent/carers live in the Parish of Christ Church and St Mary Magdalene and who worship regularly at other Christian Churches which are members of 'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland' or the 'Evangelical Alliance'. (The parent/carer should have attended church fortnightly, for at least

- a year, and should obtain proof from the Parish Priest or other appropriate authority.)
6. Children whose parent/carers live in the Parish of Christ Church and St Mary Magdalene and who are regular worshippers of another world faith and who wish to attend a Church school where God is acknowledged as Creator and Lord. (The parent/carer should worship fortnightly for at least a year and should obtain proof from the appropriate authority).
 7. For children who do not fall into any of the above categories, priority will be determined by distance, measured in a straight line from the child's home address to the main entrance of the school (using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system), with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority.

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In all categories where there are more children than places remaining, priority will be given to those applicants whose homes are closest to the school gate in terms of distance measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address to the main entrance of the school (using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system), with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority.

Admission to the nursery does not guarantee admission to the school.

Applying for a place in nursery

Please fill in an application form, which can be requested from the school office, and return it to school as soon as possible. Ensure you have obtained any proof needed, such as a letter from your Parish Priest. Please also remember that admission into our nursery DOES NOT guarantee admission into our reception class. A separate application will need to be made.

Applying for a place in reception

Application forms must be requested from the school office and you must also apply via Camden Local Authority. Application forms are available from the Crowndale Centre in Camden or you may apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. PLEASE NOTE THAT APPLICATION DATES CHANGE ANNUALLY and that both forms MUST be completed for your child to be considered.