



## St John the Baptist - CHURCH OF ENGLAND Admission Policy 2023/24

St John the Baptist is a two form entry Church of England primary school with a nursery. The governors welcome applications for admissions from all parents<sup>1</sup> knowing that this is a Church of England school, and hoping that they will support the Christian ethos of the school.

The school has an admission limit of 60 places. In the case of there being more applications than places available the governors will give 31 foundation places and 29 open places, or in the same ratio after places have been given to children 'Looked After' by the Local Authority.

The following criteria apply in order:

1. Looked-after children<sup>1</sup> and children who were previously looked after, but ceased to be so because, immediately after being looked after, they became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order

### Foundation Places

2. Children of parents<sup>2</sup> who are practising<sup>3</sup> Anglicans and attend St John the Baptist Church, Hoxton and St Leonard's Church, Shoreditch.
3. Children who have a sibling<sup>4</sup> at the school at the time of their proposed entry.
4. Children whose parents<sup>2</sup> are practising<sup>3</sup> Anglicans and attend Holy Trinity Church, Hoxton; St Anne's Church, Hoxton; St Chad's Church, Haggerston; and St Peter's Church, De Beauvoir.
5. Children whose parents<sup>2</sup> are practising<sup>3</sup> members and attend other Christian denominations.<sup>5</sup>

### Open places

6. Children whose acute medical or social needs justify the allocation of a place at the school. Supporting evidence from a doctor or social worker must be provided at time of application setting out the particular reasons why this school is the most suitable and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another.
7. Children whose parents<sup>2</sup> belong to another world faith or no faith and wish to attend St John the Baptist School because of its Christian tradition and education based on Christian values.

### In-Year Admissions

Applications for In-Year admissions are made in the same way as those made during the normal admissions round. If a place is available and there is no waiting list then the local authority will communicate the governors' offer of a place to the family. If more applications are received than there are places available, then applications will be ranked by the governing body in accordance with the oversubscription criteria with children without an offer of a school place are given priority immediately after other 'looked after' children.

### Children Entering Reception Classes

Where a place has been offered:

- It is for a full-time place from the September following the child's fourth birthday;
- The place may be deferred until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age (the term after the fifth birthday). This means that parents of a child whose fifth birthday falls between 1 September 2023 and 31 March 2024 may request that their child is not admitted

until later in the school year 2023/24. But no later than the term after the child's fifth birthday, when s/he reaches compulsory school age. For children born between 1 April and 31 August, this is not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which it was made. The school will hold any deferred place for the child

- Where parents wish a child may attend part-time until they reach compulsory school age
- For children whose fifth birthday falls between 1 April 2024 and 31 August 2024, parents who do not wish them to start school in school year 2023-24, but to be admitted in September 2024 for school year 2024-25, should discuss this with the school at an early stage by writing a letter to the Chair of Governors at the time of application. Parents must then submit an application in the normal way. This application will be treated in the same way as all other applications and there is no guarantee that an offer will be made.

### Education, Health and Care Plans

Children with a *Statement of Special Educational Need* or with an *Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan* naming St John the Baptist CofE School will always be offered places.

### Notes

In all categories children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of their proposed entry will be given priority.

When deciding between applicants who appear to have equal entitlement to admission under any criteria, the governors will offer the place to the applicant who lives nearest to the main entrance to the school in Crondall Street measured by a straight line.

If a place cannot be offered at this time then you may ask the school for the reason(s) and you will be informed of your right of appeal. You will be offered the opportunity of being placed on a waiting list. This waiting list will be maintained by the Governing Body in the order of the oversubscription criteria and not in the order that the applications were received.

When a place becomes available the Governing Body will decide who is at the top of the list so that the Local Authority can inform the parent that the school is making an offer. Names are removed from the list at the end of each academic year.

The school maintains a waiting list. Children are ranked in the waiting list in accordance with the school over subscription criteria. Admissions outside the normal admissions round will be considered in accordance with the schools In-Year Admissions criteria.

It should be understood by parents that a place in the nursery does not give a child automatic entry to the reception class.

Late applicants will be added to the waiting list if the year group they are applying for is over-subscribed. In the event of a place becoming available, all applicants currently on the waiting list are considered in line with the school's admission criteria and a place is offered accordingly.

### Footnotes:

1. Children in care (under the Children's Act 1989) are those looked after by the Local Authority.

2. Parents/family member - A parent is any person who has parental responsibility or care of the child. Where admission arrangements refer to parent's attendance at church it is sufficient for just one parent to attend. 'Family members' include only parents and siblings.
3. Practising: attending church regularly, as defined as attends church at least fortnightly
4. Sibling - refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.
5. Denomination: Church of England, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Baptist, Orthodox or a member of the Evangelical Alliance or Church Together in Britain & Ireland