

The Blue School

Church of England Primary School Established 1630

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

As The Blue School is a Church of England, voluntary aided (VA) school, it has no rigid catchment area within which children are expected to live. Where there are more applications than places available, the following criteria, which are set down in order of strict priority, will be used:

1. **Church of England looked after children and previously looked after children (see note ‘g’).**
2. **Active membership by the child’s family (see note ‘f’) of a Church of England Church.**
3. **All other looked after children and previously looked after children (see note ‘g’).**
4. **Active membership by the child’s family (see note ‘f’) of another Christian denomination.**
5. **An applicant who desires a religious background to education and is an active member of another faith.**

An active membership of the Church or other faith is considered to be twice a month for two years immediately before application. Applicants in categories 1, 2, 4 & 5 should obtain from the school the Supplementary Information Form which should be completed by their minister of religion in support of their application, so that the Governors may consider their application fully.

6. Any other children

In the event of over-subscription in any of the above categories, the Governors will give priority in the following order:

- i) **An applicant with a sibling (see note ‘c’) still attending the school at the time of entry.**
- ii) **Proximity between home to school (see note ‘d’).**
- iii) **Tie breaker (see note ‘e’).**

Each application will be considered on the above criteria.

Faith School Admissions Variation Arrangements

The Governing Body of The Blue School has agreed the following statement in order to clarify how its faith-based oversubscription criteria will be interpreted whilst churches are/were closed or attendance at church is/was unsafe due to COVID-19. This statement has been shared with churches in order to ensure that determinations made by relevant ministers concerning church attendance are being made on a consistent basis.

If a parent/carer attended a given church prior to the closing of churches for public worship, then where a parent/carer has not subsequently attended worship at a given church for a given period, a parent/carer will be considered to have attended worship at that church for that period where either of the following apply:

1. The church was closed for public worship
2. By returning to church, the parent/carer would not be taking account of government guidance concerning shielding and protecting persons either moderately or extremely clinically vulnerable to COVID-19.