

Wigan Saint Andrew's Church of England Primary school

ADMISSION CRITERIA 2024/2025

Admission number: 30

In the event of the school receiving more applications than there are places available, the Governors will give priority to applications in the following order;

1. Children in public care and previously looked after children.
2. Children and/or parents who have attended Saint Andrew's Church or another Anglican Church for at least one occasion per month, for a period of one year prior to the time of application. Supporting evidence is required using the supplementary information form.
3. Those who have an older brother or sister at school at the time of admission.
4. Children and/or parents who attend another Christian Church for at least one occasion per month, for a period of one year prior to the time of application. Supporting evidence is required using the supplementary information form.
5. Those whose permanent home is closest to the school.

Tie-breaker

In the event that there are more applications than there are places available in any one criterion, a tie-breaker will apply by measuring the distance from home to school.

Definitions

[item 1] **Children in public care and previously looked after children**. This includes any 'looked after child', 'previously looked after child' and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject of an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. 'Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social service functions. This criteria also includes looked after children and all previously looked after children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

[item 3] **Brother or Sister** means full brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters who live at the same address as part of the same family unit.

[item 4] **Christian Church** means one in which members subscribe to the Doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

[item 5 & tie-breaker] **Home** (when there is shared parental responsibility for a child) means the address of the main carer. We class the main carer as the person who is eligible for child benefit. **Distance** means a straight-line measurement between the child's home address and the centre of the school's perimeter boundary. This is measured by using a geographical computer system (GIS), which is based on ordnance survey.

In cases where there are two or more children with the same distance measurement, where to admit another child would breach the infant class size regulations, a system will be used to randomly pick who will be offered a place. Please contact the school if you would like more information about this.

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admission arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

Late applications (those received after the closing date) will only be considered after those received by the closing date. The only exception to this is applications for looked after children that are received by 15 February will be included with on time applications.

A **Waiting list** will be used for places that become available at school after the offer date, we will:

- ❖ Put a child who is refused a place on a waiting list (including late applications)
- ❖ Allocate a place that becomes available up to the admission number to the next child or children on the waiting list, using the oversubscription criteria above.
- ❖ Keeping the waiting list until the end day of the Autumn term only.

Deferred Entry

Parents can request that the date their child is admitted to the school is deferred until later in the school year or until the child reaches compulsory school age in that school year. Where entry is deferred, the place will be held open and not offered to another child. Parents cannot defer entry beyond the beginning of the term after the child's fifth birthday, nor beyond the academic year for which the original application was accepted.

Part-time Attendance

Parents can request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.