St Bartholomew’s C of E Academy Nursery Admissions Policy

2018-19

1. Introduction
This document sets out the Policy of St Bartholomew’s C of E Academy with respect to admissions to our Nursery.

Recognising its historic foundation, the academy will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the churches at parish and diocesan level.

The academy aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian faith and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.

In accordance with government legislation, the Local Governing Body consults with the Multi Academy Trust, Diocesan Board of Education, the Local Authority, other local academies, parents and other relevant persons in respect of its admissions arrangements.

2. Aims
The overriding aim of this policy is that it should work for the benefit of all children and parents/guardians in our area. It should be simple to use and assist parents/guardians to make the best decisions on the preferred academy for their children.

At St Bart’s we are currently able to offer flexible places for 3 & 4 year olds, including full time provision for up to 26 children. We aim to offer a fair and equitable allocation of places and aim to work with families to meet need appropriately. Providing a Nursery needs to be financially viable and charges will be reviewed annually. Places will be offered as per our admissions criteria as they become available and are reviewed termly.

St Bart’s is an inclusive school and aims to meet needs of children within our Nursery appropriately and equitably. If a child has additional needs, including those with high levels of need and, in the school’s professional judgement, is struggling with the length and number of sessions the school may adjust the time and number of sessions accordingly.
3. Priority area
Roads in the priority area;
Abbey Cottages, Abergavenny Walk, Ashby Close, Beeston Close, Beaufort Drive, Binley Avenue, Binley Grove, Brandon Road - from the junction of Harry Weston Road / Willenhall Lane to the junction with the A46, Bredon Avenue (1-49), Bromwich Close, Bryn Jones Close, Busby Close, Buttermere Close, Cardale Croft, Carnbroe Avenue, Cavans Way, Cavens Close, Coombe Avenue, Craigends Avenue, Deerdale Terrace, Deerdale Way, Dunkirk Place, Falcon Avenue, George Robertson Close, Grange Avenue, Herald Way, Heslop Close, Hotchkiss Way, Inca Close, James Galloway Close, Jim Forrest Close, Joe Williams Close, Kestrel Croft, Langbank Avenue (1 and 2), Lifford Way, Oak Tree Road, Penarth Grove, Pontypool Avenue, Rugby Road (The Cocked Hat Pub and TGI Fridays Only), Rutland Croft, Sam Gault Close, Shellon Close, Somerly Close, Stirling Close, Swindale Croft, Tom Henderson Close, Wakefield Close, Wasperton Close, Whiteside Close, Whittle Close, Willenhall Lane, William McCool Close, William McKee Close, Willowherb Close

4. Over-subscription Criteria
Where more applications have been received than places available or where to admit would conflict with the academy fulfilling class size legislation, the following priorities shall apply in order:

a) Looked After Children
Children within Local Authority care as defined in Section 22 of the Children’s Act 1989, for example children in residential homes or foster care, and also children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (under the terms of the Adoption & Children’s Act 2002) or because they became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order (under the terms of the Children’s Act 1989).

b) Siblings who live in the priority area of the academy eligible for 30 hours funding
(Eligibility - see Note 3)
A child is considered in this category if a sibling* is attending the academy at the time of application and will continue to do so at the start of the new academic year, and where the child lives within the priority area at the same address as the sibling.*See note 2 below.

c) Siblings who live in the priority area of the academy
A child is considered in this category if a sibling* is attending the academy at the time of application and will continue to do so at the start of the new academic year, and where the child lives within the priority area at the same address as the sibling. *See note 2 below.

d) Other children who live within the priority area of the academy eligible for 30 hours funding

e) Other children who live within the priority area of the academy

f) Siblings who live outside the priority area of the academy
A child is considered in this category if a sibling* is attending the academy at the time of application and will continue to do so at the start of the new academic year. *See note 2 below.

g) Siblings who live outside the priority area of the academy
A child is considered in this category if a sibling* is attending the academy at the time of application and will continue to do so the time of admission i.e. at the start of the new academic year. *See note 2 below.

h) Any other children not categorised above

Note 1
Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education, Health and Care Plan that name St Bartholomew’s C of E Academy will be offered a place first. This will reduce the number of places available.

Note 2
The definition of sibling is:
- A brother or sister sharing the same parents;
- Half-brother or half-sister, where two children have one common parent;
- A stepbrother or stepsister, where two children are related by a parent’s marriage or civil partnership;
- An adopted or fostered brother or sister.

The children must be living permanently in the same household.

Note 3
In order to be able to claim 30 hours free childcare you must meet ALL of the following:

Your child is either 3 or 4 years old
Both parents must be working - or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family
Each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage (see how much this is below)
Each parent must have an annual income of less than £100,000
You live in England
If you don’t meet all these criteria, the good news is that you’ll still qualify for the 15 hours free childcare that is currently available.

Note 4
The address for admission purposes is the place where the child is permanently resident with his or her parent or parents or legal guardian(s). Where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility, the home address will be considered to be the address where the child sleeps for the majority of the week. If the child spends exactly equal amounts of time with each parent or guardian, it is the responsibility of the parents to decide which address is the home address for admission purposes. Parents should not assume that a place will automatically be allocated to their child.

Note 5
If the academy is oversubscribed within any category above, the determining factor will be the distance from the child’s home address to the academy (priority being given to the shorter measurement). The Local Governing Body will give careful consideration to offering places above the Admission Number to applications from individuals with parental responsibility for children whose twin or sibling from a multiple birth is admitted even when there are no vacant places and the twin or sibling has been given the last place in the year group.

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5. Distance
Distance will be calculated by the straight line measurement from the centre of the applicant’s home address location to the centre point (‘centroid’) of the preferred academy.

If two or more children with the same priority for admission live an indistinguishable distance from the academy, but cannot both be admitted, then the places will be decided by the drawing of names from a hat, and this will be independently overseen.

6. Dates
Termly application dates for allocation of places subject to availability will be:

- Friday preceding Easter holiday for Autumn Term start
- Friday preceding October half term for Spring Term start
- Friday preceding February half term for Summer term start

We will do all we can to meet preferences but cannot guarantee to do so.
If spaces are available applications will be considered between these dates.
Please note there is no guarantee of transfer from Nursery to Reception; a separate application must be made to admission to Reception.

7. Equal Opportunities Policy
The admissions policy of St Bartholomew’s C of E Academy is, while there are adequate places, to offer a place to all applicants irrespective of gender, religion, ethnicity or country of origin, disability or academic ability. Where applications exceed places available, offers will be made in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

Enquiries or comments about this policy should be addressed to:

The Chair of Governors - St Bartholomew’s C of E Academy
C/o St Bartholomew’s C of E Academy, Bredon Avenue, Binley, Coventry. CV3 2LP

Note: Subject to the above policy and the relevant appeals procedure, decisions regarding admissions will be the responsibility of the Local Governing Body.