

St Mary's C.E. Primary School

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Admissions Criteria

The Governing Body is responsible for the admission of pupils to St Mary's C.E. Primary School, and admit 60 pupils to the Reception classes each September. This admission number has been agreed between the Governing Body and the Local Authority and applies to the year 2014/15. Transfer to Key Stage 2 is automatic.

The school does not have any specific unit or facilities for pupils with particular special needs and there are no specific facilities for pupils with physical disabilities. The Church Lane site is a single storey building, with all the accommodation on one floor; there are also ramps at the main entrance and at the entrance to the playground. All classrooms may be entered without steps. Although the Rectory Gardens classrooms are on more than one floor, pupils with physical disabilities will be accommodated in ground floor classrooms. There is a ramp at the main entrance and at the rear giving access to the playground. As far as possible, the schools will ensure that pupils with disabilities have access to the same opportunities as other pupils.

The Governing Body is required to abide by the maximum limits for infant classes of 30 pupils per class. If there are more applications than places available the governors will apply the following criteria:

FOUNDATION PLACES

The Governing Body has designated 36 places to be offered to people whose families are regular worshippers (i.e. once a month over the course of a year) at the:

Parish Church of St Mary with St George, Hornsey, including St Mary's Tower
Baptist Church, Campsbourne
Methodist Church, Middle Lane
The Moravian Church, Priory Road (which are located in the Parish of Hornsey),
Parish Church of Christ Church, Crouch End
Parish Church of Holy Innocents
Parish Church of Holy Trinity, Stroud Green
Parish Church of St Paul's Wightman Road
Or

A member Church of the Churches together in Britain and Ireland

Written evidence of applicants' commitment to the above places of worship (in the form of a clergy reference) will be required at the time of application. Only if there are more than 36 applicants, will places be allocated according to the following criteria. These are stated in order of priority:

1. Children who are in public care (“looked after children”). Written supporting evidence should be supplied, at the time of application, from the relevant Local Authority;
2. Children who will have a brother or sister in the school at the time of admission. This category includes foster brothers and sisters, half brothers and sisters or stepbrothers and sisters. Parents should note that in all these cases the brother or sister must be living at the same address as the child for whom the application is being made. (However this does not include younger siblings in the school’s nursery class).
3. Children with social/medical reasons, evidence should be supplied at the time of application, from a relevant professional, such as, a doctor, social worker or educational psychologist.
The supporting evidence should state the reason why this particular school is the most suitable and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to go to another school.
4. The nearness of the home to the Fire Station, Priory Road, N8, which is the geographic and historic centre of the parishes of St Mary and of St George, united in 1982 into the present parish of St Mary with St George, Hornsey. A computerised mapping system maintained by the London Borough of Haringey will be used to ascertain the nearness of the home to the Fire Station.

The tie breaker for all criteria is children living closest to the school (measured in a straight line from the post office address point of the child’s home to the post office address point of the fire station which is the centre of the parish). The address used for admission purposes must be where the child normally lives with his/her parents/guardians. If parents or carers live separately, the home address is where the child lives on weekdays, and if the child lives equally with each parent or carer, the exact arrangements should be made clear on the application form.

If there are less than 36 qualified applicants for Foundation places, any unfilled places will become additional Open places. Unsuccessful applicants for Foundation places will be considered for any Open places remaining unfilled at the end of the allocation procedure.

OPEN PLACES

24 places to be offered to pupils who do not qualify for a Foundation place, but whose parents have chosen the school for the type of education it provides. Parents applying for an Open place do so knowing that the school aims to provide an education based on Christian principles and, therefore, the Governing Body hopes that all pupils will take part in the Christian worship of the school and will attend religious education lessons.

If there are more than 24 applicants, places will be allocated according to the following criteria. These are stated in order of priority:

1. Children who are in public care (“looked after children”). Written supporting evidence should be supplied, at the time of application, from the relevant Local Authority.
2. Children who will have a brother or sister in the school at the time of admission. This category includes foster brothers and sisters, half brothers and sisters or stepbrothers and sisters. Parents should note that in all these cases the brother or sister must be living at the same address as the child for whom the application is being made. (However this does not include younger siblings in the school’s nursery class).
3. Children with known special medical or social needs. Written supporting evidence should be supplied, at the time of application, from a relevant professional, such as, a doctor, social worker or educational psychologist. The supporting evidence should state the reason why this particular school is the most suitable and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to go to another school;
4. The nearness of the home to the Fire Station, Priory Road, N8, which is the Geographic and historic centre of the parishes of St Mary and of St George, united in 1982 into the present parish of St Mary with St George, Hornsey. A computer-aided system maintained by the Borough of Haringey will be used to ascertain the nearness of the home to the Fire Station.

In the event that two or more applicants have equal right to a place under any of the above criteria, the Governing Body will give priority to those living nearest to the Fire Station. The tie breaker for all criteria is children living closest to the school (measured in a straight line from the post office address point of the child’s home to the post office address point of the fire station which is the centre of the parish).

The address used for admission purposes must be where the child normally lives with his/her parents/guardians. If parents or carers live separately, the home address is where the child lives on weekdays, and if the child lives equally with each parent or carer, the exact arrangements should be made clear on the application form.

If there are less than 24 qualified applicants for Open places, any unfilled places will become additional Foundation places. Unsuccessful applicants for Open places will be considered for any Foundation places remaining unfilled at the end of the allocation procedure.

Parents who are not offered a place for their child have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel. Parents wishing to appeal should obtain an appeal form from the school. The form should be sent to reach the Clerk to the Appeal panel, care of the school, within 14 days of the date of the letter confirming the Governors’ decision not to offer a place. If some appeals are unsuccessful, the Governing Body will not consider further applications from those parents within the same academic year unless there have been significant and material changes in their circumstances.