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Message to parents

Starting Primary School:

A Message to Parents from Councillor Richard Diment, Cabinet Member for Education

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, it is now time to apply for a primary school place. As a parent myself, whose children have gone through all stages of the education system I know how important it is to find a school that is suitable for your son or daughter, and how important it is to prepare them for starting school.

I am very proud of Bexley schools and the education they offer. I know how much teachers care for their classes, and I know how keen they are to see every child happy and enjoying their education and never has that been more evident than the last 18 months. But schools are not just places for formal lessons - many have pre-school and after school activities, many have thriving clubs and activities at lunchtime, and all will seek to involve you in the education of your child. Schools are social hubs in their local communities and many have very active parent-teacher associations.

I would urge every parent to engage with their local schools and to ask questions. Contact details for each school can be found in Part 2 of this booklet. Enquire at the schools you are interested in to find out when their open days are.

Please apply online at www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions. You can also download a mobile app to help you manage your application and to see your offer on 17 April.

Applications can be made any time between 1 September 2022 and 15 January 2023. This allows you plenty of time to visit schools and think about which might be best for you child. Applications are not dealt with on a "first come, first served" basis, but please do make sure you apply before 15 January 2023.

Please remember, too, to name 6 schools that you would like to apply for. Many of our schools fill up with children living very close. Although last year over 92% of families were offered a place at their first preference school, we cannot promise this. Including the nearest school to your home as one of your preferences will give you the best chance of being offered a local school.

If you have any further questions about the process of applying, please do contact us. Email addresses and phone numbers can be found on page 2 of this booklet.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish your son or daughter every success and happiness at their new school.



Councillor **Richard Diment**
Cabinet Member for Education

**The easiest way to apply is online.
Bexley's Primary Common Application
Form is available from 1 September 2022
until the closing date of 15 January 2023.**

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Important dates

1 September 2022	Application period starts
15 January 2023	Closing date for applications. Don't be late!
9 February 2023	Last date for address or other essential changes or for applications that are late with good reason
17 April 2023	Offers of places made online. Letters will be posted 1st class to applicants who applied on a paper form
2 May 2023	Last date for accepting and declining offers of places
15 May 2023	Last date for on time appeals for community and voluntary controlled schools
May-August 2023	Offers from waiting lists
June-July 2023	Appeal hearings

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Part I - Introduction

1. About this booklet

This booklet contains information to help you apply as a Bexley resident for a place for your child in a primary school, whether in Bexley or elsewhere.

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 you can make an application for him or her to begin school during the school year 2023/2024.

You can apply online up to 15 January 2023 by visiting www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions or www.eadmissions.org.uk

Children starting primary education in Bexley schools in the 2023/24 school year may start in the Autumn term 2023, regardless of their date of birth.

The booklet lists all the primary schools in Bexley on pages 7-11, and explains the oversubscription criteria for each school that will be used if there are more applications than places.

You must apply for a Reception place even if your child already attends the nursery class at one of your preferred schools, as children do not transfer automatically from nursery to Reception. No priority is given for a Reception place because of attendance at a nursery class at the same school.

If your child currently attends an infant-only school (for children aged between 4 and 7), you will need to apply online for a place in a junior school in the same way as those applying for a Reception place.

If you have recently moved into Bexley or are about to do so, this booklet tells you how to apply for a place in a Bexley school for children aged between 4 and 11 years.

These arrangements also apply to parents who would like their children to transfer from one primary school to another.

2. The primary co-ordinated admissions process

Children born from **1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 (inclusive)** will be due to start in the reception class of a primary school in the 2023/2024 school year.

Under the primary co-ordinated school admission scheme, parents apply for all types of school in Bexley or in other local authority areas (apart from private schools) by listing up to six schools on the Bexley Primary Common Application Form if they are residents of London Borough of Bexley. Parents living outside Bexley must complete the application form available from their home local authority. Bexley primary schools can be included on that form.

The Bexley Primary Common Application Form will be available online at www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions or www.eadmissions.org.uk from 1 September 2022. Paper applications will only be available to those who are unable to apply online.

Parents who include a faith (Church) school amongst their preferences will need to complete a supplementary information form, available direct from the school or on the Council's webpage www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions that will ask questions about baptism, regularity of Church attendance etc. Parents should return the supplementary information form to the school. The schools requiring parents to complete a supplementary information form are listed on page 14.

The Council will pass on details of your application to all the schools listed on your form, and the admission authority for each will decide whether your child can be offered a place. If you are applying for priority, such as

under medical grounds, you must indicate this against each preference to which you believe it applies. **Evidence must be submitted at the time of application.**

If there are more applicants than places, the published oversubscription criteria for each school will be used to put children in order of priority. When all the decisions are known, the Council will offer your child a place at the highest preference school possible of those listed on your application form.

Parents who apply online will receive an email with details of the school offered during the evening of Monday 17 April 2023. If you apply online and are offered your first preference school, and you are offered your first preference school, your offer will be automatically accepted.

All other applicants who apply on line will have until 2 May 2023 to accept or decline their offer. The co-ordinated scheme, by ensuring that no parent will be offered a place at more than one primary school, enables more applicants to be offered a school place

3. Transferring from infant to junior school

Children transfer from infant to junior education at the beginning of the school year following their seventh birthday, or the start of Year 3. If your child is in the final year of one of the infant schools in Bexley, you must apply for a place in a junior school. Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 will transfer to junior school in September 2023.

Children who attend a primary school for children aged from 4 to 11 years, transfer automatically to a junior class.

Children who attend an infant-only school for children aged 4 to 7 years, do not automatically join the associated junior school. Parents of children in infant-only schools need to apply to their home local authority for a place at the junior school of their preference. The procedure is similar to that for Reception class admission described above, except that only 3 preferences are allowed, and the same conditions apply for late applications.

Most parents wish their children to go from the infant school to the associated junior school, and priority is given in junior school admissions to children attending the associated infant school, after Looked After children. You can also apply to other junior schools if you wish to, or you can make an in year application for transfer to Year 3 of a primary school. Offers of places at primary schools will depend on the availability of places, and no priority is given to children because they are leaving an infant-only school.

If there are more applications for a junior school than places available, applicants will be prioritised using the oversubscription criteria for junior schools. The Admissions Policy for each school can be found in Part 4 of this booklet.

The closing date for junior school applications is 15 January 2023. You can apply online by visiting www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions.

Infant to Junior applications will only be accepted for children already attending an infant only school.

Applications for junior school places, for children who attend a primary school, or who do not have a school place, must be made as in year applications.

Waiting lists of children not allocated a place at their preferred school in the infant to junior process will be merged with in year waiting lists for Year 3 places from 30 April 2023, and priority will still be given to children on roll at the linked infant school until 31 August 2023.

4. Applying online and Parent Comm app

More and more parents apply online for the following reasons:

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When you apply online, make sure that you receive your confirmation email within an hour of submitting your application. Your application is not valid without the confirmation. If you do not receive the confirmation, you should resubmit the application. You should make a note of your username and password. Please make sure that you enter details of brothers and sisters already attending a school in the correct boxes, and state any medical or social factors that you would like taken into account, against each school preference to which they are relevant. You must upload supporting evidence for all requests for a particular priority, or send paper copies to the School Admissions Team, at the time of application.

If you have an existing eAdmissions account, you will be prompted to check your personal details are up to date. Please ensure you do this before starting your online application.

You can download the ParentComm app (by Atomwide) from the Apple App Store or Google Play to a mobile phone or tablet. When you register your username and password, the app will help you manage your application, and you will be able to use it to see the school you are being offered on 17 April, and can now set up push notifications. The app will also give you access to other school services.

The primary schools in Bexley are listed on pages 7 to 11. The admission number given for each school is the maximum number of pupils who will be admitted to Reception classes of primary and infant schools or Year 3 of junior schools.

The number of first to sixth preferences for admission in the 2022/2023 school year is shown for each school. This information has been included for guidance. Parents should not assume that the number

The type of school, eg community, voluntary aided, Academy, free school is correct at the time of printing this booklet (August 2022) but community and voluntary controlled schools may convert to Academy status before September 2023 and change their admission number or organisational arrangements.

Where a school has a nursery class, this is shown by 'with nursery' after the age range of the school.

2. Location Map of Primary Schools in Bexley



3. List of primary, infant and junior schools in Bexley

Primary Schools in Bexley

1a Barnehurst Infant School

Academy - Part of the Primary First Trust

Barnehurst Close, Erith DA8 3NL Tel 01322 334401

www.barnehurstfederation.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs L Shields

Age Range 4-7 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 326

1b Barnehurst Junior School

Academy - Part of the Primary First Trust

Barnehurst Close, Erith DA8 3NL Tel 01322 334214

www.barnehurstfederation.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs L Shields

Age Range 7-11

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 77

Barnehurst Infant and Junior Schools are Academies and part of the Primary First Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

2 Barrington Primary School

Academy - Part of The Ignis Academy Trust

Barrington Road, Bexleyheath DA7 4UN Tel 020 8304 0242

www.barrington.bexley.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs C Clark

Age Range 4-11

Admission number 30 - Number of preferences for 2022: 164

Barrington Primary School is an Academy and part of The Ignis Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

3a Bedonwell Infant School

Academy - Part of The Ignis Academy Trust

Bedonwell Road, Belvedere DA17 5PF Tel. 020 8310 4161

www.thebedonwellfederation.org

Head Teacher: Miss D Fisher

Head of School: Mrs J Wright

Age Range 4-7 with nursery

Admission number 120 - Number of preferences for 2022: 298

3b Bedonwell Junior School

Academy - Part of The Ignis Academy Trust

Bedonwell Road, Belvedere DA17 5PF Tel 020 8310 4174

www.bedonwell-jun.bexley.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Miss D Fisher

Head of School: Mrs J Wright

Age Range 7-11

Admission number 120 - Number of preferences for 2022: 126

Bedonwell Infant and Junior Schools are academies and part of The Ignis Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

4 Belmont Academy

Academy - Part of LSEAT Academy Trust

Belmont Road, Erith DA8 1LE Tel 01322 432057

www.belmont.bexley.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Miss L Childs

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 246

Belmont Primary School is an Academy and part of LSEAT Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

5a Belvedere Infant School

Academy - Part of The Pioneer Academy Trust

Mitchell Close, Belvedere DA17 6AA Tel 020 8311 9092

www.belvedereinfants.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs L Williams

Age Range 4-7 with nursery

Admission number 90 - Number of preferences for 2022: 160

5b Belvedere Junior School

Academy - Part of The Pioneer Academy Trust

Mitchell Close, Belvedere DA17 6AA Tel 01322 431404

www.belvederejuniorschool.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs J Francis

Age Range 7-11

Admission number 90

Number of preferences for 2022: 94

Belvedere Infant and Junior Schools are academies and part of The Pioneer Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the schools are in Part 4 of this booklet.

6 Birkbeck Primary School

Community School

Alma Road, Sidcup DA14 4ED Tel 020 8300 4161

www.birkbeck.bexley.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs Samantha Hoyer

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 90 - Number of preferences for 2022: 271

The admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Bexley are set out in Part 3 of this booklet.

7 Bishop Ridley CE Primary School

Voluntary Aided School

Northumberland Ave, Welling DA16 2QE Tel 020 8303 4461

www.bishopridleyschool.org.uk

Head Teacher: Mr S Keep

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 92

Bishop Ridley CE Primary School is a voluntary aided school and the Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet. You must complete a Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school.

8 Brampton Primary Academy

Academy - Part of the REACH 2 Academy Trust

Brampton Road, Bexleyheath DA7 4SL Tel 020 8303 2873

www.bramptonacademy.org

Head Teacher: Ms Z Winter-Nolan

Age Range 4-11

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 200

Brampton Primary Academy is part of the Reach 2 Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

9 Burnt Oak Junior School

Academy - Part of The Pioneer Academy Trust

Burnt Oak Lane, Sidcup DA15 9DA Tel 020 8300 5854

www.burntoak-junior.com

Head of School: Miss Deniece Graham

Age Range 7-11

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 63

Burnt Oak Junior School is an Academy and part of The Pioneer Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

10 Burstwood Primary School

Academy

Swanbridge Road, Bexleyheath DA7 5BS Tel 020 8304 9960

www.burstwoodprimary.org.uk

Head Teacher: Miss H Charman

Age Range 4-11

Admission number 90 - Number of preferences for 2022: 283

Burstwood Primary School is an Academy. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

11 Castilion Primary School

Academy - Part of The Amadeus Academy Trust

Copperfield Road, Thamesmead SE28 8QA Tel 020 8311 5177

www.castilion.apat.org.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs Y Bishop wef 22nd September 2022

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 91

Castilion is an Academy and part of The Amadeus Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

Primary Schools in Bexley

12 Chatsworth Infant School

Academy - Part of The Pioneer Academy Trust

Burnt Oak Lane, Sidcup DA15 9DD Tel 020 8300 9295

www.chatsworthinfantschool.com

Head Teacher: Mr I McManus

Age Range 4-7 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 259

Chatsworth Infant School is an Academy and part of The Pioneer Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

13 Christ Church (Erith) CE Primary School

Academy - Part of the Trinitas Academy Trust

Lesney Park Road, Erith DA8 3DG Tel 01322 333780

www.christchurch.bexley.sch.uk

Director of Primary Education: Mrs B Gardner

Principal: Mrs C Hedman

Age Range 4-11

Admission number 90 - Number of preferences for 2022: 177

Christ Church Erith CE Primary School is an Academy and part of the Trinitas Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet. You must complete a Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school.

14 Crook Log Primary School

Community School

Crook Log, Bexleyheath DA6 8EQ Tel 020 8303 9203

www.crooklog.bexley.sch.uk

Acting Head Teacher: Mrs P Barratt

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 59 - Number of preferences for 2022: 194

The admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Bexley are set out in Part 3 of this booklet.

15 Danson Primary School

Community School

Danson Lane, Welling DA16 2BH Tel 020 8303 1858

www.danson.bexley.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Miss L Casey

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 90 - Number of preferences for 2022: 286

The admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Bexley are set out in Part 3 of this booklet.

16 Days Lane Primary School

Academy

Days Lane, Sidcup DA15 8JU Tel 020 8300 1697

www.dayslaneprimary.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs J Trusty

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 90 - Number of preferences for 2022: 264

Days Lane Primary School is an Academy. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

17 Dulverton Primary School

Community School

Dulverton Road, London SE9 3RH Tel 020 8302 3573

www.dulverton.education

Head Teacher: Mrs K Herbert

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 214

The admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Bexley are set out in Part 3 of this booklet.

18 Eastcote Primary Academy

Academy - Part of the Leigh Academies Trust

Eastcote Road, Welling DA16 2ST Tel 020 8856 1346

www.eastcoteprimaryacademy.org.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs C Greene

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 30 - Number of preferences for 2022: 125

Eastcote Primary Academy is an Academy and part of the Leigh Academies Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

19 East Wickham Primary Academy

Academy - Part of the Kemnal Academies Trust

Wickham Street, Welling DA16 3BP Tel 020 8854 3637

www.ewp-tkat.org

Co-Headteachers: Mrs M Moore & Mrs J Whiley

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 90 - Number of preferences for 2022: 183

East Wickham Primary Academy is an Academy and part of the Kemnal Academies Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

20 Fairford Academy Barnehurst

Academy - Part of the Illuminate Minds Trust

Fairford Avenue, Barnehurst DA7 6QP Tel 01322 333998

www.fairfordacademy.org

CEO: Ms J Southby

Head Teacher: Mrs C Whittington

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 90 - Number of preferences for 2022: 149

Fairford Academy Barnehurst is an Academy and part of the Illuminate Minds Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

21 Foster's Primary School

Voluntary Controlled School

Westbrooke Road, Welling DA16 1PN Tel 020 8298 7336

www.fosters.bexley.sch.uk

Interim Head Teacher: Mr Hemley

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 185

The admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Bexley are set out in Part 3 of this booklet.

22 Gravel Hill Primary School

Academy - Part of the Cygnus Academies Trust

Watling Street, Bexleyheath DA6 7QJ Tel 01322 521343

www.gravelhillschool.co.uk

Head Teacher: Miss M Neale

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 127

Gravel Hill Primary School is an Academy and part of the Cygnus Academies Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

23 Haberdashers' Crayford Primary

Part of the Haberdashers' Academies Trust South

Iron Mill Lane, Crayford DA1 4RS Tel 01322 402180

www.habscrayfordtg.org.uk

Head Teacher: Ms K Ellis

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 30 - Number of preferences for 2022: 73

24 Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary-

Part of the Haberdashers' Academies Trust South

Chrome Road, Slade Green, Erith DA8 2EL Tel 01322 402188

www.habssladegreenprimary.org.uk

Principal: Ms J Mintram

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 70

25 Harris Garrard Academy

All-through Academy - Part of the Harris Federation

Yarnton Way, Erith DA18 4DW Tel 020 8320 4840

www.harrisgarrard.org.uk

Executive Principle: Mr C Everitt

Head of Academy: Mr S West

Age Range 4-18

Admission number 30 - Number of preferences for 2022: 92

The Harris Garrard Academy is part of the Harris Federation. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

26 Hillsgrove Primary School**Academy – Part of the Amadeus Academy Trust**

Sidmouth Road, Welling DA16 1DR Tel 020 8303 4949

www.hillsgrove.apat.org.uk

CEO: Mr P Wilson

Head of School: Mr O Winstone

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 115

Hillsgrove Primary School is an Academy and part of the Amadeus Primary Academies Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

27 Holy Trinity CE Primary School**Academy - Part of the Amadeus Academy Trust**

Burnt Oak Lane, Sidcup DA15 9DB Tel 020 8300 3613

www.htl.bexley.sch.uk

CEO: Mr P Wilson

Head of School: Mr A Twyman

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 107

Holy Trinity CE Primary School is an Academy and part of the Amadeus Primary Academies Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet. You must complete a Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school.

28 Hook Lane Primary School**Academy – Part of the Maritime Academy Trust**

Faraday Road, Welling DA16 2ET Tel 020 8303 3839

www.hooklanepimary.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs J Sheekey

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 183

Hook Lane Primary School is an Academy and part of the Maritime Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

29 Hope Community School**Free School - Part of The New Generation Schools Trust**

167 Rectory Lane, Sidcup DA14 5BU Tel: 020 3223 2000

www.hopcommunityschool.org

Principal: Mrs Sara Donnelly

Age Range 4-11

Admission number 30 - Number of preferences for 2022: 23
Hope Community School is a free school and the Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet. To apply for a faith place, you must complete a Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school.

30 Hurst Primary School**Academy**

Dorchester Avenue, Bexley DA5 3AJ Tel 020 8303 2688

www.hurst.bexley.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs C Longley

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 90 - Number of preferences for 2022: 245

Hurst Primary School is an Academy. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

31 Jubilee Primary School**Academy – Part of the Trinitas Academy Trust**

Crowden Way, Crossway, Thamesmead SE28 8JB

Tel 020 8310 2933 www.jubilee.bexley.sch.uk

Principal: Mrs P Davies

Age range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 30 - Number of preferences for 2022: 53

Jubilee Primary School is an Academy and part of the Trinitas Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

32 Lessness Heath Primary School**Academy - Part of the Primary First Trust**

Erith Road, Belvedere DA17 6HB Tel 01322 433290

www.lessnessheath-bexley.co.uk

Principal: Miss A Bolton

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 90 - Number of preferences for 2022: 235

Lessness Heath Primary School is an Academy and part of the Primary First Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

33 Lime Wood Primary School

New Free School – part of the Woodland Academy Trust

2 Sandy Road, Erith, Kent, DA8 1FJ Tel no. 01322 334638

Head teacher: To be advised

Age 4-11

New Free School with effect from 1st September 2023

34 Longlands Primary School**Community School**

Woodside Road, Sidcup DA15 7JG Tel 020 8300 2368

www.longlands.bexley.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs J Owen

Age Range 4-11

Admission number 45 - Number of preferences for 2022: 144

The admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Bexley are set out in Part 3 of this booklet.

35 Mayplace Primary School**Academy - Part of the Primary First Trust**

Woodside Road, Barnehurst DA7 6EQ Tel 01322 523256

<https://mayplace-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net>

Head Teacher: Mr R Flaherty

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 90 - Number of preferences for 2022: 220

Mayplace Primary School is an Academy and part of the Primary First Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

36 Northumberland Heath Primary School**Academy - Part of the Woodland Academy Trust**

Wheelock Close, Byron Drive, Erith DA8 1JE Tel 01322 334638

www.woodlandacademytrust.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mr Joe Leslie

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 90 - Number of preferences for 2022: 167

Northumberland Heath Primary School is an Academy and part of the Woodland Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

37 Northwood Primary School**Academy - Part of the Trinitas Academy Trust**

Northwood Place, Yarnton Way, Erith DA18 4HN

Tel 020 8310 2722 www.northwood.org.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs C McNulty

Age Range 4-11

Admission number 30 - Number of preferences for 2022: 60

Northwood Primary School is an Academy and part of the Trinitas Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

38 Old Bexley CE Primary School**Academy - Part of the Amadeus Primary Academies Trust**

Hurst Road, Bexley DA5 3JR Tel 01322 527981

www.oldbexleyprimary.moonfruit.com

CEO: Mr P Rhodes

Head of School: Mrs J Ivil

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 90 - Number of preferences for 2022: 187

Old Bexley CE Primary School is an Academy and part of the Amadeus Primary Academies Trust. The Governors will give priority to applicants whose family can demonstrate commitment to the Anglican faith by regular Church attendance. Please contact the school for more details.

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39 Orchard Primary School**Community School**

Oxford Road, Sidcup DA14 6LW Tel 020 8300 4878

www.orchardprimary.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs S Spencer

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 30 - Number of preferences for 2022: 55

*The admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Bexley are set out in Part 3 of this booklet.***40 Our Lady of the Rosary RC Primary School****Voluntary Aided School**

Holbeach Gardens, Sidcup DA15 8QW Tel 020 8850 4470

www.ourlady.bexley.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs D Edwards

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 102

*Our Lady of the Rosary RC Primary School is a voluntary aided school and the Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet. You must complete a Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school.***41 Parkway Primary School****Community School**

Alsike Road, Erith DA18 4DP Tel 020 8310 0176

www.parkway.bexley.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Mr R Celino-Stock

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number: 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 62

*The admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Bexley are set out in Part 3 of this booklet.***42 Peareswood Primary School****Academy - Part of the Woodland Academy Trust**

Peareswood Road, Erith DA8 3PR Tel 01322 332379

www.woodlandacademytrust.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs C Ferla

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 152

*Peareswood Primary School is an Academy and part of the Woodland Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.***43 Pelham Primary School****Academy - Part of the Illuminate Minds Trust**

Pelham Road, Bexleyheath DA7 4HL Tel 020 8303 6556

www.pelhamprimary.co.uk

CEO: Ms J Southby

Head Teacher: Mr T Baines

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 202

*Pelham Primary School is an Academy and a part of the Illuminate Minds Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.***44 Royal Park Primary School****Academy - Part of the Kemnal Academies Trust**

Riverside Road, Sidcup DA14 4PX Tel 020 8300 7646

www.royalpark-tkat.org

Headteacher: Mrs P Holmes

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 111

*Royal Park Primary School is an Academy and part of the Kemnal Academies Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.***45 St Augustine of Canterbury CE Primary School****Academy - Part of the Trinitas Academy Trust**

St Augustine's Road, Belvedere DA17 5HP Tel 020 8311 2956

www.st-augustine.bexley.sch.uk

Trinitas CEO: Mrs Beverley Eaglesfield

Principal: Mr M Alexander-Smale

Age Range 4-11

Admission number 30 - Number of preferences for 2022: 81

*St Augustine of Canterbury CE Primary School is an Academy and part of the Trinitas Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet. You must complete a Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school.***46 St Fidelis RC Primary School****Voluntary Aided School**

Bexley Road, Erith DA8 3HQ Tel 01322 337752

www.st-fidelis.bexley.sch.uk

Executive Head Teacher: Mr M Hannon

Head of School: Miss Quirke

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 146

*St Fidelis RC Primary School is a voluntary aided school and the Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet. You must complete a Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school.***47 St John Fisher RC Primary School****Voluntary Aided School**

Kale Road, Erith DA18 4BA Tel 020 8310 7311

www.sjf.bexley.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Ms S Griffin

Age Range 4-11

Admission number 30 - Number of preferences for 2022: 82

*St John Fisher RC Primary School is a voluntary aided school and the Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet. You must complete a Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school.***48 St Joseph's RC Primary School****Voluntary Aided School**

Old Road, Crayford DA1 4DZ Tel 01322 524162

www.stjosephcrayford.org.uk

Executive Head Teacher: Mr M Hannon

Head of School: Mrs A Truss

Age Range 4-11

Admission number 30 - Number of preferences for 2022: 68

*St Joseph's RC Primary School is a voluntary aided school and the Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet. You must complete a Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school.***49 St Michael's East Wickham CE Primary School****Academy - Part of the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education - Multi Academy Trust**

Wrotham Road, Welling DA16 1LS Tel 020 8303 3287

www.stmichaels-eastwickham-ce-school.co.uk

Executive Head Teacher: Mrs A Blackburn

Head of School: Mrs J Markworth

Age Range 4-11

Admission number 30 - Number of preferences for 2022: 42

St Michael's East Wickham CE Primary School is an academy and part of the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education - Multi Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet. You must complete a Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school.

50 St Paulinus CE Primary School**Academy - Part of the Amadeus Primary Academies Trust**

Iron Mill Lane, Crayford DA1 4RW Tel 01322 523236

www.st-paulinus.bexley.sch.uk

CEO: Mr P M Wilson

Head of School: Mrs S Young

Age Range 4-11

Admission number 30 - Number of preferences for 2022: 97

St Paulinus CE Primary School an Academy and part of the Amadeus Primary Academies Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet. You must complete a Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school.

51 St Paul's (Slade Green) C of E Primary School**Academy - Part of the Trinitas Academy Trust**

Slade Green Road, Erith DA8 2HX Tel 01322 334689

www.st-pauls.bexley.sch.uk

Principal: Mrs W Cornford

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 67

St Paul's (Slade Green) C of E Primary School is an Academy and part of the Trinitas Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet. You must complete a Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school.

52 St Peter Chanel RC Primary School**Voluntary Aided School**

Bauh Road, Rectory Lane, Sidcup DA14 5ED Tel 020 8302 6029

www.st-peterchanel.bexley.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs S Gower

Age Range 4-11

Admission number 30 - Number of preferences for 2022: 46

St Peter Chanel RC Primary School is a voluntary aided school and the Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet. You must complete a Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school.

53 St Stephen's RC Primary School**Voluntary Aided School**

Ruskin Avenue, Welling DA16 3QG Tel 020 8303 9738

www.st-stephens.bexley.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs S Oram

Age Range 4-11

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 162

St Stephen's RC Primary School is a voluntary aided school and the Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet. You must complete a Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school.

54 St Thomas More RC Primary School**Voluntary Aided School**

Sheldon Road, Bexleyheath DA7 4PH Tel 020 8303 8322

www.stm.bexley.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs C Doran-Hannon

Age Range 4-11

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 127

St Thomas More RC Primary School is a voluntary aided school and the Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet. You must complete a Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school.

55 Sherwood Park Primary School**Academy - Part of the Penhill Academies Trust**

Sherwood Park Avenue, Sidcup DA15 9JQ Tel 020 8303 6300

www.sherwoodparkprimary.co.uk

Head Teacher: Miss N Trayers

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 107

Sherwood Park Primary School is an academy and part of the Penhill Academies Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

56 Upland Primary School**Academy - Part of the Unity Academy Trust**

Church Road, Bexleyheath DA7 4DG Tel 020 8303 2175

www.upland.bexley.sch.uk

Head of School: Mrs H Millward

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 268

Upland Primary School is an Academy and part of the Unity Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority. The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

57 Upton Primary School**Community School**

Iris Avenue, Bexley DA5 1HH Tel 020 8303 7266

www.upton.bexley.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Mr M Oldfield

Age Range 4-11 with nursery

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 256

The admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Bexley are set out in Part 3 of this booklet.

58 Willow Bank Primary School**Academy - Part of the Woodland Academy Trust**

Seacourt Road, London SE2 9XB Tel 020 8320 1900

www.woodlandacademytrust.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs M Malhi

Age Range 4-11

Admission number 60 - Number of preferences for 2022: 63

Willow Bank Primary School is an Academy and part of the Woodland Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the admission authority.

The admission arrangements for the school are in Part 4 of this booklet.

Part 3 - Applying for a Primary School Place

1. How to apply

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, you must make an application for him or her to start in a school Reception class in September 2023.

If you do not, or if your application is late, it may not be possible to offer a place at your preferred school.

You must complete an application form even if you have an older child already at the school or if your child already attends the nursery class at a primary school.

If you live in Bexley, you should complete the Bexley Primary Common Application Form online. If you do not live in Bexley, you must apply on your home local authority's application form. You can apply for schools in Bexley on that form.

To make an application for a school place, if you are a resident of London Borough of Bexley, you can apply online at www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions or www.eadmissions.org.uk

Evidence of address and child's date of birth must be attached to all applications and supporting evidence if you have requested a special priority.

You can list up to six schools in order of preference on the reception application form, and three on the junior application form. This will help the Council to offer you acceptable alternatives if it cannot offer your child a place in your preferred school. Your preferences should include all the schools you would like to apply for, including community schools, voluntary aided and voluntary controlled schools, Academies, free schools and schools outside Bexley.

If you include any voluntary aided (Church) schools amongst your preferences, you will also need to complete a supplementary information form in addition to the Primary Common Application Form. The supplementary form can be obtained from the school itself or from Bexley's website (www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions) and should be returned direct to the school by 15 January 2023. The supplementary form will ask questions about baptism, regularity of Church attendance etc. If you apply for a voluntary-aided school but do not return the supplementary information form, your application will be considered after all those who do submit the form.

The Council will offer your child a place at your preferred school unless the school you apply for is oversubscribed, and other children have higher priority under the admission arrangements for the school.

2 Deciding which school you would like your child to attend

To help you make a decision about the school you would like your child to attend, Part 2 of this booklet lists all the schools within Bexley. This includes community schools, voluntary aided schools, voluntary controlled schools,

Academies and free schools. If any of your preferences are schools outside Bexley you should include those schools on the same Bexley Primary Common Application Form. Before you make a decision about the school you wish your child to attend, you are strongly advised to visit schools. Head teachers will be able to answer any specific questions you may have and give you school brochures which set out information about the organisation, curriculum, pastoral care and other details of the schools.

3. Types of School Available

Age range

All the borough's schools which cater for pupils aged 4 to 11 years are co-educational, where boys and girls are taught together. The schools provide for children of various age groups:

- infant schools have pupils aged 4-7 years
- junior schools have pupils aged 7-11 years
- primary schools have pupils aged 4-11 years
- all through schools have pupils aged 4-18 years

Types of school

A small number of the primary schools in Bexley are community schools, which are provided by the local authority (LA) and are totally maintained by it. There are also voluntary controlled and voluntary aided schools, Academies and a free school.

A voluntary controlled school is one which was founded by a voluntary (usually religious) body but which is now fully maintained by the LA. The Governors still have some rights and duties relating to religious education but in most other respects a voluntary controlled school is similar to a community school. Foster's Primary School is a voluntary controlled school.

A voluntary aided or faith school is one which was founded by a voluntary (usually religious) body and where the Governors have retained significant rights and responsibilities relating to the maintenance of the school building and religious observance and instruction.

The Governors of these schools have control over their admission arrangements, subject to agreement with the LA as to the maximum number of pupils to be admitted each year.

Faith schools can also be Academies and free schools. There are 15 faith schools listed on pages 7 - 11 and all require parents to complete a supplementary information form as well as the Primary Common Application Form.

Academies are Government funded schools that are independent from the LA. Some schools were established as Academies and others have changed status from community school to Academy. The Governors of Academies are responsible for the admission arrangements.

There is one free school, Hope Community School. Free schools are state-funded schools set up in response to what local people say they want and need.

There is an all-through school - Harris Garrard Academy. Pupils have the right to transfer from the primary section to the secondary section at age 11, without re-applying for admission.

4. Admission Numbers

The list of schools in Part 2 shows how many places are offered at each school. In the case of infant and primary schools, this number is the number of places in the school available in the school year 2023/24 for pupils who become five years of age during that year. For junior schools, it is the number of places available in Year 3 (for seven year old pupils).

The number of places available to children is based on the school's size and the number and size of classrooms, and other teaching spaces. If too many children apply for a particular school, the allocation of places will be based on the admissions criteria set out in Parts 3 and 4 of this booklet.

5. Infant Class Sizes

The Infant Class Size Regulations state that infant pupils cannot be taught in classes of more than 30 pupils (with some limited exceptions). The admission number for each school has been set to ensure it is possible for schools to meet this requirement.

Legislation also affects the position regarding appealing against a decision not to offer a place. Whilst parents can still appeal, the independent School Appeal Panel will not be able to allow an appeal if this would result in the number of pupils exceeding 30 in a class, unless there are exceptional circumstances as specified in the legislation. There is more information about appeals on page 20.

6. Completing the application form

This is a checklist for parents when completing the online form:

- Complete all the sections as fully as you can and provide all the requested evidence at the time of application
- The child's home address must be where he or she is living with the parent or carer entitled to receive child tax credit or child benefit. Please upload a copy of your Council tax bill or tenancy agreement. We will check your address against records and may ask for further evidence
- If you are not the parent or legal carer, or if your child is living at a different address from you, you must explain the reasons for this with the application. We may ask for further evidence of your circumstances

- Make sure your preferences are in the right order – you will be offered the highest possible preference of those on the form
- Give the name, gender and date of birth of any siblings already attending one of your preferred schools. A sibling is normally a full, half, step or adopted brother or sister living at the same address as the applicant. Check the school's admission criteria for exact details
- Give details and provide supporting evidence with your application if you are asking for priority because of medical conditions or a disability, against each preference to which they are relevant
- If you are applying for a child who is looked after (in public care) or has previously been looked after but subsequently adopted or subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order, you must include evidence with the application such as a letter from the social worker or copy of a court order
- Some schools may give priority to children of staff working at the school
- If you write a reason for your preference in the box provided, you must provide supporting evidence with the application form if it is a request for particular priority such as for medical conditions
- You can scan and upload copies of supporting evidence to the eAdmissions website, or send paper copies to the School Admissions Team clearly marked with your application reference number
- Remember to submit your application. Submission of your online application means you are declaring that the information on the form is correct and that you understand that an offer of a place may be withdrawn if fraudulent or incorrect information is given
- Supplementary information forms, where required, should be returned direct to the school, not with the CAF
- Apply online or submit the paper CAF by 15 January 2023. If your form is late, it will not be considered until after all on time applications and your child may miss out on a place at your preferred schools

You can apply for up to six primary schools or three junior schools, in order of preference. The preferences can be for schools of any type (except private or independent) and in any area.

You will not increase your chance of being offered your preferred school by listing only one preference. You will be offered a place at the highest preference school for which your child qualifies. If, for example, you list four schools and your child qualifies for your second and third preference schools, the offer will be for the second preference school only. You will not be offered both the second and third preferences and be asked to accept one and decline the other.

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If you feel that there are special factors that should be taken into account when your child's admission is being considered, you should state them on the application form, and provide any supporting evidence at the same time. Supporting evidence can be scanned and uploaded with your application when applying online, or paper copies can be sent separately, clearly marked with your child's name, date of birth, and application reference number.

Where there are medical grounds supporting your application, you should obtain a letter from your family doctor or hospital consultant and upload it with your application.

Over 89% of children were offered their first preference school in 2022, but only 0.2% were not offered any of their preferences. You should list up to 6 schools to ensure the best chance of being offered a school that you are happy with, including the schools closest to your home.

7. Faith schools and Supplementary Information Forms

The following schools require the completion of a supplementary information form, to be considered for priority on religious grounds, in addition to the Primary Common Application Form;

Bishop Ridley CE Primary, Christ Church (Erith) CE Primary, Holy Trinity CE Primary, Hope Community School (for faith places only), Our Lady of the Rosary RC Primary, St Augustine of Canterbury CE Primary, St Fidelis RC Primary, St John Fisher RC Primary, St Joseph's RC Primary, St Michael's East Wickham CE Primary, St Paulinus CE Primary, St Paul's (Slade Green) Primary, St Peter Chanel RC Primary, St Stephen's RC Primary, and St Thomas More RC Primary.

Supplementary information forms are available from the school or on the London Borough of Bexley website (www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions) and must be returned direct to the school applied for. If a supplementary information form is not completed, the school will consider the application in its lowest priority group.

Old Bexley CE Primary School is a Church of England School and the Governors give priority to children of families who are regularly practising Anglicans. The school does not require the completion of a supplementary information form, but applicants who wish to request this priority must contact the school in advance of the closing date for applications and provide written confirmation from their Minister that the family attends Church regularly. The Governors of the school will decide whether priority can be given, and will notify the local authority.

Other schools in the Trinitas Academy Trust, Jubilee Primary and Northwood Primary, require the completion of a supplementary information form to capture details relevant to their admissions processes.

8. Junior school applications

You can apply online for a junior school place, in the same way as those applying for a Reception place, although you are only permitted to express three preferences. The closing date is also 15 January 2023.

The provisions and conditions described in this booklet apply to junior school applications as well as to infant and primary school applications.

Children already attending an infant school in Bexley will be given priority after Looked After children and children with Education, Health and Care Plans for the associated junior school. Other oversubscription criteria are set out in Section 4 of this booklet.

9. Choice Advice

If you need help with deciding which primary schools to apply for or with completing the application form, you can contact the Customer Services Team on 020 8303 7777.

10. Parental responsibility

The person making the application for a school place must have parental responsibility for the child named on the application form and will normally be the parent in receipt of or eligible to receive Child Benefit or Child Tax Credit.

Where a child is living with a relative or carer and not one of their parents, you must provide evidence of a court order before the application will be accepted. We may ask to see evidence of parental responsibility before processing your application form. Only one application may be made for each child, to the home local authority.

If you are looking after a child who is not your own child or a close relative, it may be considered to be a private fostering arrangement and you must notify the Council's Children's Social Care Team. If we receive an application for a school place for a child who is not living with one of their parents, we will ask you for further details if not provided with the application and make sure that the Social Care Team is aware of any child who is being privately fostered. (This does not apply to children in public care who are being looked after by foster parents or who are subject to formal court or guardianship orders).

11. Twins and multiple births

If you are applying for twins or children from multiple births, you must complete a separate application for each of the children. They will not be given priority for a school just because they are twins, triplets etc, but all will be offered a place at the same school. If one or more children but not all of them could be offered a place, each school has a section in its admissions policy to decide how places should be offered.

12. Home address and verification

You will need to provide the following documentation as proof of your principal home address:

- A current Council Tax statement or Council Tax Benefit letter or a valid tenancy agreement from a commercial letting agency. If you are applying online, you can scan and upload copies of the documents. If you will be providing a paper copy, please send it to the School Admissions Team ensuring it is clearly marked with your online application reference number and your child's name and date of birth. Please do not send original documents.

If you are unable to provide the requested documentation, you can seek advice from us on 020 8303 7777.

Please note that if you submit your application without the relevant proof of address, it may not be processed.

In establishing your principal home address, we will check records held by the Council, by schools and by external agencies. We may also ask you to provide additional proof such as:

- Opening/closing accounts for Council Tax.
- Child arrangements orders (or other court orders) if relevant.
- Evidence confirming the completion of the sale or purchase of a new property.
- For families of service personnel with a confirmed posting to Bexley, or crown servants returning from overseas to live in Bexley, proof of address, accompanied by an official letter confirming the posting, will be accepted ahead of the return to the UK.

Primary schools will ask to see evidence of your address and your child's date of birth after offers are made. Places may be withdrawn if your details do not match the information on your application form.

13. Home to school distance

The majority of applications for primary school places are decided on home to school distance, except for faith schools. For many schools, you need to live very close to the school to qualify for an offer. Parents are advised to be realistic and include the closest school to their home address when deciding on the references to list on the application form. This will increase the likelihood of the Council being able to offer a local school, although there is no guarantee of this.

If you do not apply for your closest school, it may not be possible to offer a place at a later date if you are unsuccessful for schools further away. All preferences are treated equally when prioritising applicants for a school. For further information see section 19 'Advice on home to school distance'

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14. Late Applications and Change of Preference

It is very important that your application is submitted in time for it to be received by a school or the Council on or before the closing date. Applications are not treated on a 'first come, first served' basis and all applications received during the application period will be treated equally as 'on time' applications. Any application submitted after 15 January 2023 will be treated as late.

Applications received after 15 January 2023 but before 9 February 2023 may be treated as on time if there is good reason for lateness, for example if family or other circumstances made it impossible for the application to be submitted between 1 September 2022 and 15 January 2023.

A letter setting out the reasons for lateness, with evidence if available, should be submitted with the application form. Each request will be considered individually.

Other late applications received after 15 January 2023 will not be dealt with until after all applications received during the application period have been processed. If the preferred school has vacancies, a place will be offered; if not, the child's name will be added to the waiting list and the parents will be advised of their right of appeal.

If parents change their preferences after 15 January 2023, this will be administered as a late application unless the change is made before 9 February 2023 and there is a documented change in family circumstances that makes the change necessary.

15. Change of address

If you make an on time application and move home within Bexley after 15 January 2023 but before 9 February 2023 and you can provide proof that you are living at the new address, your application will be dealt with using the new address. If you move after that, or if you cannot provide proof of the new address, your application will be processed using your address at the time of application until after the offer date of 17 April 2023.

If you move to Bexley from another area before 9 February 2023 and have already made an on time application, your previous home authority will forward your application to Bexley and we will take over responsibility for offering a place. If you move after 9 February 2023, your previous home authority will continue to be responsible for your application until after the offer date of 17 April 2023.

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The London Borough of Bexley is committed to removing disadvantage for service children. Where families of service personnel have a confirmed posting to Bexley, or crown servants are returning from overseas to live in Bexley, proof of address, accompanied by an official letter confirming the posting, will be accepted ahead of the return to the UK.

You must notify the School Admissions Team if you move after you have submitted your application. If you do not, and you are offered a place which you would not otherwise have qualified for, the offer may be withdrawn.

16. False or misleading information

The application form contains a statement that the information supplied is true and that providing false or misleading information may render the application invalid. Where there is suspected fraud, investigations will be undertaken.

If we find that an offer of a school place was made on the basis of false or misleading information, the London Borough of Bexley reserves the right to withdraw the offer at any stage during the admissions process.

In disputed cases, the London Borough of Bexley will make a judgement based on all available evidence.

17. Multiple applications

You can make only one application to your home local authority. If you live in Bexley and want to apply for schools in other boroughs, you should list the schools on the Bexley CAF. Do not apply both to Bexley and another local authority. If you do, the London Borough of Bexley reserves the right to consider only the preferences made on the Bexley CAF and your child may lose the opportunity of being offered a place at schools named on a second form.

The London Borough of Bexley encourages parents to apply online. If you apply online, we would ask you not to submit a paper CAF as well. If you submit a paper form as well as an online application, the details on the application submitted on the latest date (prior to the closing date) will be taken as the valid application.

If the online application and the paper CAF are submitted on the same day, the London Borough of Bexley will use the online application as the valid application.

18. Changes to the school admissions code - looked after children and all previously looked after children

Changes to the School Admissions Code have come into force from 1 September 2021 and include changes to the oversubscription criteria. The new Code

requires that the highest priority is given to looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

The full wording is detailed below, and these changes apply to all schools and the 'looked after children' oversubscription criteria from 1 September 2021 for all schools within this admission brochure will now incorporate this change.

'The highest priority must be given, unless otherwise provided in this Code, to looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in care as a result of being adopted. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order). All references to previously looked after children in this Code means such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in care as a result of being adopted'

How admission is decided and oversubscription criteria for community and voluntary controlled schools

Each of your preferences is considered separately by the admission authority for the school. This is the London Borough of Bexley for community and voluntary controlled schools, and the Governors of the school for voluntary aided and free schools and Academies. The application is considered against the school's oversubscription criteria explained later in this booklet.

If your child would qualify to be offered more than one of your preferences, the London Borough of Bexley will offer the highest of your preferences for which your child qualifies.

The oversubscription criteria that are used for community and voluntary controlled schools are set out below. See Part 4 for the oversubscription criteria for the voluntary aided schools, Academies and free schools in Bexley.

If you wish to request a particular oversubscription priority, you must do so at the time of application. You must provide any supporting evidence for medical and social priorities with your application. Later requests will only be considered if the circumstances change after the closing date for applications.

No priority is given to children already attending the nursery class of a school or for existing or future childcare arrangements.

Reception Classes

1. Children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 will be admitted in September 2023.

2. Admission numbers for schools are given below.
3. Children with a statement of special educational need or an Education, Health and Care Plan naming a school will be admitted to that school as a result of that process and will be given precedence for admission.
4. In the event of there being more applications than places the following oversubscription criteria will be used:

Priority 1

Priority is given to children in public care (looked after children) and children previously looked after immediately before being adopted or subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. This includes children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after as well as those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. To qualify for this priority, children must fall within the definition of 'looked after' as in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989 and Paragraph 1.7 of the 2021 School Admissions Code.

Priority 2

This is given to children with a medical condition such that it is essential, on medical grounds, for the child to attend the preferred school. Equally, this priority will apply where either the disability or medical condition of a parent or sibling would cause significant hardship if the child did not attend the preferred school. The London Borough of Bexley's own medical adviser may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented. Priority will normally only be given if the school applied for is the closest school to the home address, unless the medical adviser considers that an alternative school is essential for medical reasons.

Requests for this priority must be made with supporting evidence at the time of application. Later requests will be considered only if the medical condition occurs after the closing date for applications. Medical conditions consequential from a failure to obtain the preferred school, for example emotional distress (whether or not leading to a recognised medical condition), do not fall within this priority.

Priority 3

This is given to children with a brother or sister who will be attending the school of parental preference at the time the child is due for admission to that school. This will also be given to children due for admission to the infant school whose brother or sister will be attending the associated junior school at the time of admission or vice versa.

This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year. For this priority, brother or sister includes a full, step, half or adopted brother or sister living at the same address.

Where in an allocation of places, children who are twins, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority. That means that in these circumstances only, twins, triplets or children from other multiple births will be given priority over all other children who qualify to be admitted on distance.

Priority 4

Priority will be awarded to children with a parent employed at the preferred LA maintained school where;

- a) The member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
- b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Priority 5

This gives priority to children living nearest to the school based on the distance from the home address to the nearest school entrance measured as a straight line in accordance with the London Borough of Bexley's policy on the measurement of home to school distance. Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer (the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and/or Child Tax Credit) at the time of application.

Where one or more applicants live exactly the same distance from the school applied for and all would qualify for the last available place, the allocation of the last place will be made by drawing lots. The first child drawn will be offered the place, and the remaining children placed on the waiting list in the order of the draw.

Nursery pupils

A child who attends the nursery class attached to a school is given no priority over children who did not attend the nursery.

Infant/Junior Transfer

1. Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 will be admitted from September 2023.

Applications will only be accepted from children in Year 2 of an infant-only school. All other applicants will be treated as in year applicants.

2. Admission numbers for junior schools at Year 3 are shown in Part 2 of this booklet.
3. Children with a statement of special educational needs or Education and Health Care Plan naming a school will be admitted to that school as a result of that process and will be given precedence for admission.

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4. In the event of there being more applications than places the following oversubscription criteria will be used:

Priority A: Children in public care (looked after children) and children previously looked after immediately before being adopted or subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. To qualify for this priority, children must fall within the definition of 'looked after' as in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989

Priority B: Pupils attending the associated infant only school. If the junior school is oversubscribed from applications from parents of pupils in the associated infant school, allocations will be made according to priorities 1 to 5 above.

Priority C: All other applicants, with allocations made according to priorities 1 to 5 above.

For all primary admissions:

Any Bexley resident applicants not offered a place at any of their preferred schools, will be allocated a place at the school nearest to the home address which has a vacancy.

Parents may request that their child be included on the waiting lists for higher preference schools than the one allocated. These will be kept in the sequence of the oversubscription criteria. Waiting lists for junior school places will be merged with in year waiting lists from 1 May 2023. Waiting lists for Reception places will be merged with in year waiting lists from 1 September 2023.

Where parents are not offered a place at the school of their preference, they will also be informed of their statutory right of appeal to an independent School Appeals Panel and sent further information on the appeal process on request.

Date of entry to Reception classes and admission outside the normal age group

All children can start in a Reception class in the September of the academic year when they become five years old. Compulsory school age is the beginning of the school term after the child's fifth birthday, and entry may be deferred to the January or April after the fifth birthday.

Parents of children born between 1 April and 31 August may request entry to Reception (rather than Year 1) in the September after the child's fifth birthday. Requests should where possible be made during the normal application period for primary places, accompanied by any available supporting evidence.

If the request is agreed, the parent/carer must complete an application the application for a school place will be processed in for the following year's application period. If the request is not agreed, the child must either start school before the fifth birthday or start school in Year 1 in the September following the fifth birthday. A place will not be allocated at a preferred school unless the child qualifies for a place under the published admission criteria either in the normal or deferred year of entry.

In year requests for admission outside the normal age group (ie other than for entry to Reception) should be made at the time of application with supporting evidence.

If a child is admitted to Reception one year later than normal, new requests must be made for entry outside the normal age group when transferring to junior school (for a child attending an infant only school) and secondary school.

All decisions on admission outside the normal age group to community and voluntary controlled schools will be made by the London Borough of Bexley in consultation with the Head Teacher of the preferred school. There is no right of appeal against a decision not to admit a child outside the normal age group.

19. Advice on home to school distance

For all primary schools in Bexley, measurements of home to school distance are provided by the School Admissions Team. Distance is measured in a straight line, or as the crow flies.

Home to school distances are measured by the Council's GIS system using the intersection of the geographical grid co-ordinates (known as eastings and northings) supplied by the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG), or equivalent database, for the home address and for the nearest school entrance approved by the Governors as an official entrance, the measurement will be taken from the intersection of the NLPG co-ordinates of the home address to the nearest official school entrance. The system measures in miles and is accurate to three decimal points.

The home address will be taken as the child's home address on 15 January 2023, unless there is a qualifying change of address by 9 February 2023. It must be the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer, ie, the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and Child Tax Credit.

The table on page 19 shows the maximum distance from each school for offers of places based on home to school distance in recent years. Please note that until 2015 home to school distances were measured by the shortest, safe walking route for most Bexley primary schools. In 2015 community schools, voluntary controlled schools and most academies adopted a straight line measurement policy. From 2016 all primary schools in Bexley now measure home to school distances by straight line measurement.

In general, straight line measurements are shorter than walking distances, and it is not possible to make a direct comparison between the two methods of measurement.

Whatever the method of measurement, maximum home to school distances vary from year to year and the table is only a guide to what happened in previous years.

The distances are those reached on the offer day in the relevant year.

School	Home to school distance for offers in miles			2022 Appeals	
	2022	2021	2020	Heard	Successful
Barnehurst Infant	0.426 (TB)	0.348	0.496	1	0
Barrington Primary	All on time offered	0.528	All on time offered	0	0
Bedonwell Infant	1.87	1.465	1.532	1	0
Belmont Primary	All on time offered	1.45	1.51	0	0
Belvedere Infant	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Birkbeck Primary	1.124	0.835	0.795	2	0
Bishop Ridley CE Primary	All on time offered	See note	See note	0	0
Brampton Primary	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Burstled Wood Primary	All on time offered	1.345	0.727	0	0
Castilion Primary	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Chatsworth Infant	0.584	0.562	0.528	2	0
Christ Church Erith CE Primary	See note	See note	See note	0	0
Crook Log Primary	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Danson Primary	All on time offered	0.845	0.474	0	0
Days Lane Primary	1.698	All on time offered	0.75	1	1
Dulverton Primary	0.522	0.418	0.318	0	0
East Wickham Infant	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Eastcote Primary	0.154	0.334	0.52	0	0
Foster's Primary	1.201	0.945	0.386	0	0
Gravel Hill Primary	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Haberdashers' Crayford Primary	1.28	All on time offered	0.394	0	0
Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Harris Garrard Academy (Formerly The Business Academy Bexley)	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Hillsgrove Primary	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Holy Trinity CE Primary	See note	See note	See note	0	0
Hook Lane Primary	0.791	All on time offered	0.791	0	0
Hope Community School	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Hurst Primary	1.67	1.514	0.561	1	0
Jubilee Primary	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Lessness Heath Primary	0.715	1.509	All on time offered	0	0
Longlands Primary	All on time offered	1.038	0.371	0	0
Mayplace Primary	0.849	All on time offered	1.517	0	0
Normandy Primary (now known as Fairford Academy)	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Northumberland Heath Primary	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Northwood Primary	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Old Bexley CE Primary	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Orchard Primary	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Our Lady of the Rosary RC Primary	See note	See note	See note	0	0
Parkway Primary	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Peareswood Primary	0.339	All on time offered	0.449	0	0
Pelham Primary	1.551	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Royal Park Primary	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
St Augustine of Canterbury CE Primary	See note	See note	See note	0	0
St Fidelis RC Primary	See note	See note	See note	0	0
St John Fisher RC Primary	See note	See note	See note	0	0
St Joseph's RC Primary	See note	See note	See note	0	0
St Michael's East Wickham CE Primary	See note	See note	See note	0	0
St Paulinus CE Primary	See note	See note	See note	0	0
St Paul's (Slade Green) Primary	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
St Peter Chanel RC Primary	See note	See note	See note	0	0
St Stephen's RC Primary	See note	See note	See note	0	0
St Thomas More RC Primary	See note	See note	See note	0	0
Sherwood Park Primary	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0
Upland Primary	0.415	0.53	0.461	4	0
Upton Primary	0.362	0.352	0.386	3	0
Willow Bank Primary	All on time offered	All on time offered	All on time offered	0	0

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Also detailed in the table on page 19 are appeal figures for last year, showing the number of appeals heard and the number successful

Note: The table above does not include distance measurements for the faith schools in Bexley, because home to school distance is much less important than meeting the schools' faith criteria.

* Phased expansion 1st Year
(TB) Tie-Breaker required

20. Offers of places

If you apply online, you will receive an email during the evening of Monday 17 April 2023 and you will be able to view the outcome of your application online and accept the offer online. If you have downloaded and registered on the ParentComm app, you will be able to see the offer on the app.

If you are offered your first preference school, you will not receive a separate letter.

A letter will be sent by first class post to all other applicants on 17 April 2023. If you receive an offer for your first preference school, it will be assumed that you are accepting the offer, and you should only respond if declining the offer. Any applicant not offered their first preference will be given two weeks to accept or decline the place offered.

If you do not reply by 2 May 2023, the offer may be withdrawn.

If we cannot offer your child a place at one of your preferred schools, we will offer the closest school to your home address that has a vacancy. You can also ask whether other schools still have vacancies. If you live outside Bexley, your home local authority is responsible for offering you a school place.

If it is not possible to offer a place at the schools you prefer, you will be informed of your right of appeal (see Section 22).

You are advised to think carefully before declining any offer of a school place. The offer you receive will be the best available at the time, even if you are not offered your first preference school. Accepting the offer made does not affect your right of appeal for a higher preference school or your child's position on the waiting list. If you decline the place offered, you risk your child being left without a school place near your home. If you do not accept a school place, you must inform us which school your child will be attending from September 2023.

21. Waiting Lists

If you are not offered a place at your first preference school, you can ask for your child's name to be placed on the waiting lists for schools that you listed on the

application form as higher preferences than the one offered. Waiting lists are kept in the same order as the

oversubscription criteria for that school, not in date order of request, and children may move down a list as well as up. If a vacancy arises in a school before the start of the school year 2023/24, then the place will be offered to the child at the top of the waiting list. If that parent declines the offer, the School Admissions Team will continue to contact, in order, others on the waiting list until the offer is taken up. Waiting lists will be kept open until admissions are completed in the autumn term 2023 and will then continue as in year waiting lists.

Your child cannot be placed on the waiting list for a school that was a lower preference than the one offered, unless you provide evidence that there has been a significant change in your circumstances. If you cannot provide this evidence, you would be asked to decline the higher preference offer before your child could be placed on the waiting list of a lower preference school.

Offers will not be made from waiting lists until the School Admissions Team is satisfied that all information about acceptances and declines of offers made on 17 April 2023 and waiting list requests has been received and entered on the school admissions database. Late applicants will also be placed on waiting lists at this stage.

22. Appeals

If you are not allocated the school of your preference then you can appeal against the decision.

The appeal will be heard by an Appeal Panel which is independent and is set up in accordance with DFE School Admission Appeals Code of Practice. Members of Appeals Panels will include people with experience of education, but none will have been concerned with making the original admission decision. Appeals are normally heard in June and July prior to when the child is due to start school in the following September.

Because of the legal requirement to have a maximum of 30 pupils in infant classes, the power of Appeal Panels to allow appeals is very limited, therefore very few are successful.

Parents are only likely to be successful with an appeal if they can show either:

- That the admission of their child would not breach the infant class size limit.
- That a place would have been offered if the admission arrangements had complied with admissions law or had been correctly and impartially applied.
- That the decision not to admit their child was not one which a reasonable Admission Authority would make in the circumstances of the case.

When you are advised of the outcome of your application, if you have not been offered your first preference school, you will be given information on how to obtain a form on which you can register your appeal. Governors of voluntary aided and free schools and academies have their own appeal panels and deal with appeals against their decisions on admissions to their schools. Parents should contact the school for details of the appeal arrangements and an appeal application form.

The closing date for appeals for community and voluntary controlled schools to be received is 15 May 2023. Appeals lodged after that date will still be heard, but after all on time appeals.

23. Deferred entry

All children offered a Reception place for 2023/24 can start school in September 2023. By law, children must start school at the beginning of the school term that follows their fifth birthday. If you are concerned that your child may not be ready to start school in September 2023, you could discuss your concerns with their nursery or pre-school teacher or with the school where your child has been offered a place. If you wish, you can ask to delay your child's start in school until January or Easter 2024, depending on the date of the fifth birthday, or ask for part-time education for a period of time.

If your child turns 5 in the summer term 2024 and has not already started school, you can request that he or she starts in Reception in September 2024 rather than Year 1.

Parents requesting a summer born deferral should submit an online application and accompany that application with a letter setting out their reasons for the request along with any relevant evidence.

The decision will be made by the admission authority of the school where your child has been offered a place. All your concerns will be taken into account, but the admission authority does not have to agree to the request. If the request is not agreed, your child will go straight in to Year 1 in September 2024. Please note that places at primary schools will not be held after Easter 2024 for summer born children where deferred entry has not been agreed, and if your child does not start school, you will have to re-apply for a place in Year 1 and risk not being offered one of your preferred schools.

Part 4 - Admission Arrangements for All Schools

1. Community and voluntary controlled primary schools in Bexley

The admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Bexley are set out in Part 3 of this booklet.

2. Admission arrangements for voluntary aided schools, free schools, and academies in Bexley

Barnehurst Infant School

Barnehurst Close, Erith, Kent DA8 3NL Tel: 01322 334401

Admissions Policy 2023/24

Barnehurst Infants School is an Academy and is part of The Primary First Trust. The Trust is responsible for decisions on admissions to the school. Applications are made through Bexley Council Education Department. The number of children admitted to the reception class will be 60. Pupils are admitted to the school's Reception classes in September following their fourth birthday. Children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 will be admitted in September 2023. The closing date for applications is as per the date set by the Bexley admissions team. The school will admit pupils with statements of special educational need naming the school, where the school has agreed that it can meet that individual child's needs. Where there are more applications than places available, the school will apply the following oversubscription criteria, in this order:

The number of children admitted to the reception class will be 60.

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children
Children in public care (looked after children) or children who were previously in public care immediately before being adopted or subject to a residence order or special guardianship order. Children adopted outside England, internationally adopted previously looked after children (IAPLAC), are given equal first priority alongside looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Siblings Siblings of children who will be attending Barnehurst Infant and Junior Schools at the time the child is due for admission to the school. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year. For this priority, brother or sister includes a full brother or sister; adopted brother or sister; or step/half brother or sister living at the same address. Where in an allocation of places, children who are twin, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority.
3. Hardship This is given where either the disability or medical condition of a parent or sibling or exceptional social or domestic circumstances would result in significant hardship if the child did not attend the school nearest to home, nearest to the place of work of the parent not suffering the condition, or convenient to the family's child-minder. Requests for this priority must be made with supporting evidence at the time of application. Each request will be considered individually by a panel of Governance Partners. The Bexley Council's own medical adviser may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented

4. Children of Employees of The School Children who live with parents who are employees of the school provided that the employee has been employed by the school for a minimum of 2 years at the date of application or to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable shortage and have a permanent contract.
5. Distance Children living closest to the school, based on the distance measured as a straight line from the home address to the nearest pupil entrance (Barnehurst Close Entrance gate). Measurements will be provided by Bexley Council in accordance with its home to school distance measuring policy. Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or legal guardian who is also the main carer, defined as the parent eligible to receive child benefit and child tax credit, at the time of application. Where two applications cannot otherwise be separated, the trust will follow a fair, clear and effective 'tie-breaker' procedure. In the event of any of the above criteria being oversubscribed, priority will be given based on distance as described above with those closest being given higher priority. In the unlikely event that two or more children in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the school, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place

A child who attends the nursery class attached to a school is given no priority over children who did not attend the nursery.

After a place has been allocated but prior to the taking up of that place a number of checks will be undertaken that will include an identity check and residence check. Where Governors are satisfied that false or misleading information has been given the offer of a place will be withdrawn

Barnehurst Junior School

Barnehurst Close, Erith Kent DA8 3NL Tel: 01322 334214

Admissions Policy 2023/24

Barnehurst Junior School is an Academy and is part of The Primary First Trust. The Trust is responsible for decisions on admissions to the school. Applications are made through Bexley Council Education Department. The number of children admitted to the year 3 class will be 60. Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 will be admitted in September 2023. The closing date for applications is as per the date set by the Bexley admissions team. The school will admit pupils with statements of special educational need naming the school, where the school has agreed that it can meet that child's needs. Where there are more applications than places available, the school will apply the following oversubscription criteria, in this order:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children
Children in public care (looked after children) or children who were previously in public care immediately before being adopted or subject to a residence order or special guardianship order. Children adopted outside England, internationally adopted previously looked after children (IAPLAC), are given equal first priority alongside looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Barnehurst Infant School Pupils This is given to children who have attended Barnehurst Infant School. In the past The Trust have ensured that all children in Barnehurst Infant school who wish to transfer to Barnehurst Junior School have done so. 12
3. Siblings Siblings of children who will be attending Barnehurst Infant and Junior Schools at the time the child is due for admission to the school. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year. For this priority, brother or sister includes a full brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or step/half brother or sister living at the same address. Where in an allocation of places, children who are twin, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority.
4. Hardship This is given where either the disability or medical condition of a parent or sibling or exceptional social or domestic circumstances would result in significant hardship if the child did not attend the school nearest to home, nearest to the place of work of the parent not suffering the condition, or convenient to the family's child-minder. Requests for this priority must be made with supporting evidence at the time of application. Each request will be considered individually by a panel of Governance Partners. Each request will be considered individually by a panel of Governance Partners. The Bexley Council's own medical adviser may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented.
5. Children of Employees of The School Children who live with parents who are employees of the school provided that the employee has been employed by the school for a minimum of 2 years at the date of application or to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable shortage and have a permanent contract.
6. Distance Children living closest to the school, based on the distance measured as a straight line from the home address to Barnehurst Close gate. Measurements will be provided by Bexley Council in accordance with its home to school distance

measuring policy. Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or legal guardian who is also the main carer, defined as the parent eligible to receive child benefit and child tax credit, at the time of application. Where two applications cannot otherwise be separated, the trust will follow a fair, clear and effective 'tie-breaker' procedure. In the event of any of the above criteria being oversubscribed, priority will be given based on distance as described above with those closest being given higher priority.

In the unlikely event that two or more children in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the school, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place. After a place has been allocated but prior to the taking up of that place a number of checks will be undertaken that will include an identity check and residence check. Where Governors are satisfied that false or misleading information has been given the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

Barrington Primary School

Barrington Road, Bexleyheath, Kent DA7 4UN
Tel: 020 8304 0242

Bedonwell Infant School

Bedonwell Road, Belvedere, Kent DA17 5PF
Tel: 020 8310 4161

Bedonwell Junior School

Bedonwell Road, Belvedere, DA17 5PF
Tel: 020 8310 4174

These three schools form the Ignis Academy Trust.

Admission to Reception year

1. Children born between 01.09.18 and 31.08.19 will be admitted in September 2023.
2. The number of children admitted to the schools' reception classes are given below.
3. Children with a statement of special educational needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) naming a school will be admitted to that school as a result of that process and will be given precedence for admission.

In the event of there being more applications than places, the following oversubscription criteria will be used:

Priority 1

This is given to children in public care (looked after children) and children previously looked after immediately before being adopted or subject to a residence or special guardianship order. To qualify for this priority, children must fall within the definition of 'looked after' as in section 23 (1) of the Children Act 1989. An adopted child must have been adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

Priority 2

This is given to children with a medical condition such that it

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is essential, on medical grounds, for the child to attend the preferred school. The London Borough of Bexley's own medical adviser may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented. Priority will only be given for the school closest to the home address unless the medical adviser considers that an alternative school is essential for medical reasons.

Requests for this priority must be made with supporting evidence at the time of application. Later requests will be considered only if the medical condition occurs after the closing date for applications. Medical conditions consequential from a failure to obtain the preferred school, for example emotional distress (whether or not leading to a recognised medical condition), do not fall within this priority.

Priority 3

This is given to children with a brother or sister who will be attending the school of parental preference at the time the child is due for admission to that school. This will also be given to children due for admission to the infant school whose brother or sister will be attending the associated junior school at the time of admission or vice versa. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year.

For this priority, brother or sister includes a full, step, half or adopted brother or sister living at the same address.

Where in an allocation of places, children who are twins, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority. That means that in these

circumstances only, twins, triplets or children from other multiple births will be given priority over all other children who qualify to be admitted on distance.

Priority 4

In order to recruit and retain high quality teaching staff, children with a parent or registered guardian employed by the school on a permanent basis at the time of application will be awarded this priority in either or both of the following circumstances

- a) Where the member of teaching staff has been employed at the school for two or more years, at the time when the application for admission to the school is made
- and/or
- b) The member of teaching staff is recruited to fill a vacant post, for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage or difficulty in recruiting to the position.

For this criterion, son or daughter means a child living in the same house as the member of teaching staff including natural son or daughter; adopted child, stepson or daughter; or a foster child. Children residing in the same households as part of the extended family, such as cousins, will not be eligible under this criterion. If children come from multiple births, (twins or triplets etc.) and the school would reach its Published Admission Number (PAN) after admitting one or more, but before admitting all of those children, the school will offer a place to each of the children, even if doing so takes the school above its PAN. If the admissions are to Year R, and so result in a breach of class size legislation, the additional pupil/s will be treated as 'excepted' for a period of one year, in line with the School Admission Code.

Where there are more applications than places that fall into the above two priority categories, then distinctions will be made between applications by home to school measured in accordance with the London Borough of Bexley and higher priority will be given to those living closest to the school applied for.

Priority 5

This gives priority to pupils living nearest to the school based on the distance from the home address to the nearest school entrance measured as a straight line in accordance with the London Borough of Bexley's policy on the measurement of home to school distance. Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer (the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and/or Child Tax Credit) at the time of application.

Where one or more applicants live exactly the same distance from the school applied for and all would qualify for the last available place, the allocation of the last place will be made by drawing lots. The first child drawn will be offered the place, and the remaining children placed on the waiting list in the order of the draw.

After a place has been allocated but prior to the taking up of that place a number of checks will be undertaken that will include an identity check and residence check. Where Governors are satisfied that false or misleading information has been given the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

Offers of places will be made by the LA in April for the whole of the academic year. Children who are not offered a place immediately will have the option of remaining on a waiting list. Children on the waiting list will be offered places in order according to the criteria listed above. Children will be removed from the waiting list once the normal admission point for their birth date has passed, unless the parent requests in writing that they should continue to remain on it.

The Ignis Academy Trust schools, in common with all other schools in Bexley, will admit pupils referred under the Fair Access Protocol. Subject to specific provisions in the protocol, a "Hard to Place" pupil will be given priority for admission over any others who are seeking or applying for a school place and the school can admit over their published admission number. The other criteria detailed in this document do not apply to pupils referred under the Fair Access Protocol.

Children will be admitted on the first day of each new term or half term.

Parents of children not offered places will also be informed of the appeals procedure. Parents have a statutory right to appeal in the event of the school's decision not to offer a place. Although each of the Ignis Academy Trust schools are the admissions authority, an independent panel considers appeals and their decision is binding on both parties.

Nursery pupils

A child who attends the nursery class attached to a school is given no priority over children who did not attend the nursery.

Infant/Junior Transfer

1. Children born between 01.09.15 and 31.08.16 will be admitted from September 2023. Applications will only be accepted from children in Year 2 of an infant only school. All other applicants will be treated as in-year applicants.

- The admission number for the junior school at Year 3 is 120.
- Children with a statement of special educational needs or Education and Health Care Plan naming a school will be admitted to that school as a result of that process and will be given precedence for admission.
- In the event of there being more applications than places, the following oversubscription criteria will be used:

Priority A

Children in public care (looked after children) and children previously looked after immediately before being adopted or subject to a residence or special guardianship order. To qualify for this priority, children must fall within the definition of 'looked after' as in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989. An adopted child must have been adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

Priority B

Pupils attending the associated infant only school. If the junior school is oversubscribed from applications made by parents of pupils in the associated infant school, allocations will be made according to priorities 1 to 5 above.

Priority C

All other applicants, with allocations made according to priorities 1 to 5 above.

For all primary admissions:

- Any Bexley resident applicants not offered a place at any of their preferred schools, will be allocated a place at the school nearest to the home address which has a vacancy.
- Parents may request that their child be included on the waiting lists for higher preference schools than the one allocated. These will be kept in the sequence of the oversubscription criteria. Waiting lists for junior school places will be merged with in year waiting lists from 1 May 2023. Waiting lists for Reception places will be merged with in year waiting lists from 1 September 2023.
- Where parents are not offered a place at the school of their preference, they will also be informed of their statutory right of appeal to an independent School Appeals Panel and sent further information on the appeal process on request.

Date of entry to Reception classes and admission outside the normal age group

All children can start in a Reception class in the September of the academic year when they become five years old. Compulsory school age is the beginning of the school term after the child's fifth birthday, and entry may be deferred to the January or April after the fifth birthday.

Parents of children born between 1 April and 31 August may request entry to Reception (rather than Year 1) in the September after the child's fifth birthday.

Parents should submit their application for their child's normal age group at the usual time and include their request for the school to consider their child's admission out of the normal age group at the same time. Any available supporting evidence such as medical reports or other professional evidence should be provided in order to assist the Governors with their decision. Parents will be informed of the outcome of their request before the national offer day.

In year requests for admission outside the normal age group (i.e.

other than for entry to Reception) should be made at the time of application with supporting evidence.

If the parents' request is agreed, their application for the normal age group will be withdrawn and parents must make a new application as part of the main admissions round the following year.

If the parents' request is refused, they must decide whether to accept an offer for the normal age group, or refuse it and make an in-year application to Year 1 for the September following their child's 5th birthday.

If a child is admitted to Reception Year one year later than normal, a new request must be made for entry outside the normal age group when transferring to junior school (for a child attending an infant only school).

If a child is admitted to Year 3 one year later than normal, a new request must be made for entry outside the normal age group when transferring to secondary school.

All decisions on admission outside the normal age group will be made by the Governing Body in consultation with the Head Teacher and the London Borough of Bexley. There is no right of appeal against a decision not to admit a child outside the normal age group.

Primary School Admission Numbers 2023/24: Ignis Academy Trust Schools

Barrington Primary School - 30

Bedonwell Infant and Nursery School - 120

Bedonwell Junior School - 120

Belmont Academy

Belmont Road, Erith, Kent DA8 1LE
Tel: 01322 432057

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Entry to Belmont Academy Reception Classes

- Children born between 01.09.18 and 31.08.19 will be admitted in September 2023.
- Admission numbers for schools are given below.
- Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming a school will be admitted to that school as a result of that process and will be given precedence for admission.
- In the event of there being more applications than places the following oversubscription criteria will be used:

Priority 1 is given to children in public care (looked after children) and children previously looked after immediately before being adopted or subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. To qualify for this priority, children must fall within the definition of 'looked after' as in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989.

Priority 2 is given to children with a medical condition such that it is essential, on medical grounds, for the child to attend the preferred school. Equally, this priority will apply where either

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the disability or medical condition of a parent or sibling would cause significant hardship if the child did not attend the preferred school. The London Borough of Bexley's own medical adviser may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented. Priority will normally only be given if the school applied for is the closest school to the home address, unless the medical adviser considers that an alternative school is essential for medical reasons.

Requests for this priority must be made with supporting evidence at the time of application. Later requests will be considered only if the medical condition occurs after the closing date for applications. Medical conditions consequential from a failure to obtain the preferred school, for example emotional distress (whether or not leading to a recognised medical condition), do not fall within this priority.

Priority 3 is given to children with a brother or sister who will be attending the school of parental preference at the time the child is due for admission to that school. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year.

For this priority, brother or sister includes a full, step, half or adopted brother or sister living at the same address. Where in an allocation of places, children who are twins, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority. That means that in these circumstances only, twins, triplets or children from other multiple births will be given priority over all other children who qualify to be admitted on distance.

Priority 4 will be awarded to children with a parent employed at Belmont Academy or Woodside Academy school where;

- a) the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made,

and/or

- b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Priority 5 gives priority to children living nearest to the school based on the distance from the home address to the nearest school entrance measured as a straight line in accordance with the London Borough of Bexley's policy on the measurement of home to school distance. Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer (the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and/or Child Tax Credit) at the time of application.

Where one or more applicants live exactly the same distance from the school applied for and all would qualify for the last available place, the allocation of the last place will be made by drawing lots. The first child drawn will be offered the place, and the remaining children placed on the waiting list in the order of the draw.

Nursery pupils

A child who attends the nursery class attached to a school is given no priority over children who did not attend the nursery.

For all Bexley primary admissions:

1. Any Bexley resident applicants not offered a place at Belmont Academy, will be allocated a place at the school nearest to the

home address, which has a vacancy. This will be administered by the London Borough of Bexley.

2. Parents may request that their child be included on the waiting list. This will be kept in the sequence of the over-subscription criteria. Waiting lists will be in place from 1 May 2023. Waiting lists for Reception places will be merged with in year waiting lists from 1 September 2023.
3. Where parents are not offered a place at the school of their preference, they will also be informed of their statutory right of appeal to an independent School Appeals Panel and sent further information on the appeal process on request.

Date of entry to Reception classes and admission outside the normal age group

All children can start in a Reception class in the September of the academic year when they become five years old. Compulsory school age is the beginning of the school term after the child's fifth birthday, and entry may be deferred to the January or April after the fifth birthday.

Parents of children born between 1 April and 31 August may request entry to Reception (rather than Year 1) in the September after the child's fifth birthday. Requests should where possible be made during the normal application period for primary places, accompanied by any available supporting evidence.

If the request is agreed, the application for an academy place will be processed in the following year's application period. If the request is not agreed, the child must either start school before the fifth birthday or start school in Year 1 in the September following the fifth birthday. A place will not be allocated unless the child qualifies for a place under the published admission criteria either in the normal or deferred year of entry.

In year requests for admission outside the normal age group (ie other than for entry to Reception) should be made at the time of application with supporting evidence.

If a child is admitted to Reception one year later than normal, new requests must be made for entry outside the normal age group when transferring to secondary school.

All decisions on admission outside the normal age group to community and voluntary controlled schools will be made by the London Borough of Bexley in consultation with the Executive Head Teacher of Belmont Academy. There is no right of appeal against a decision not to admit a child outside the normal age group.

Belvedere Infant and Nursery School

The Pioneer Academy, Mitchell Close, Belvedere DA17 6AA
Tel: 020 8311 9092

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School Vision

At Belvedere Infant and Nursery School we believe that every child, every family and every minute matters. We take pride in providing a nurturing and stimulating environment that encourages children to take risks and dream big in a place they feel safe, happy and listened to. Together we will create happy memories that last forever.

Visits to the school

Visits to the school are welcomed. We have excellent facilities including purpose built outdoor learning spaces, a school library and specialist teachers. Staff have continuing training opportunities and expert support from The Pioneer Academy central team. We have an exciting curriculum that encourages our children to become independent and aspiring learners.

Please contact the school office to book a visit on info@belvedere-inf.bexley.sch.uk or by calling the school office on 020 8311 9092

We also hope that you will visit our website at: belvedere-inf.bexley.sch.uk

Admissions

All applications shall be received and offers made individually by the Local Authority in common with other Bexley Primary Schools.

The standard number for admissions to Reception is 90, to the Nursery 52 across two nursery classes, one running in the mornings and one running in the afternoons, so 26 pupils per session. The published admission number is inclusive of students with an Education, Health and Care Plan in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements.

All applications shall be made on line at <https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions>

If this is not possible a paper application form can be collected from the Civic Offices

Admission to Reception

In line with legislation, all children will be permitted to apply to start in Reception at Belvedere Infant School in the September following their 4th birthday.

You must apply for a Reception place even if your child already attends the nursery class at Belvedere Infant and Nursery School, as children do not transfer automatically from nursery to Reception. No priority is given for a Reception place because of attendance at a nursery class at the same school.

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming a school will be admitted to that school as a result of that process and will be given precedence for admission.

In the event of there being more applications than places the following oversubscription criteria will be used:

Priority 1 is given to children in public care (looked after children) and children previously looked after immediately before being adopted or subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. To qualify for this priority, children must fall within the definition of 'looked after' as in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989.

Priority 2 This is given to children with a medical condition such that it is essential, on medical grounds, for the child to attend the preferred school. The London Borough of Bexley's own medical adviser may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented. Priority will normally only be given if the school applied for is the closest school to the home address, unless the medical adviser considers that an alternative school is essential for medical reasons.

Requests for this priority must be made with supporting evidence at the time of application.

Later requests will be considered only if the medical condition occurs after the closing date for applications. Medical conditions consequential from a failure to obtain the preferred school, for example emotional distress (whether or not leading to a recognised medical condition), do not fall within this priority.

Priority 3 This is given to children with a brother or sister who will be attending Belvedere Infant or Junior School at the time the child is due for admission to that school. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year.

For this priority, brother or sister includes a full, step, half or adopted brother or sister living at the same address.

Where in an allocation of places, children who are twins, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority. That means that in these circumstances only, twins, triplets or children from other multiple births will be given priority over all other children who qualify to be admitted on distance.

Priority 4 This is given where either the disability or medical condition of a parent or sibling or exceptional social or domestic circumstances would result in significant hardship if the child did not attend the school nearest to home, nearest to the place of work of the parent not suffering the condition, or convenient to the family's childminder. Requests for this priority must be made with supporting evidence at the time of application. Each request will be considered individually by a panel of Council officers. The London Borough of Bexley's medical adviser may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented.

Priority 5 This gives priority to children living nearest to the school based on the distance from the home address to the nearest school entrance measured as a straight line in accordance with the London Borough of Bexley's policy on the measurement of home to school distance. Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer (the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and/or Child Tax Credit) at the time of application.

Where one or more applicants live exactly the same distance from the school applied for and all would qualify for the last available place, the allocation of the last place will be made by drawing lots. The first child drawn will be offered the place, and the remaining children placed on the waiting list in the order of the draw.

Offers of places will be made by the Local Authority in April for the whole of the academic year. Children who are not offered a place immediately will have the option of remaining on a waiting list. Children on the waiting list will be offered places in order according to the criteria listed above. Children will be removed from the waiting list once the normal admission point for their birth date has passed, unless the parent requests in writing that they should continue to remain on it.

The Pioneer Academy – Belvedere Infant School, in common with all other schools in Bexley, will admit pupils referred under the Fair Access Protocol. Subject to specific provisions in the protocol, a "Hard to Place" pupil will be given priority for admission over any others who are seeking or applying for a school place and the school can admit over their published

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admission number. The other criteria detailed in this document do not apply to pupils referred under the Fair Access Protocol. Children will be admitted on the first day of each new term or half term.

Parents of children not offered places will also be informed of the appeals procedure. Parents have a statutory right to appeal in the event of the school's decision not to offer a place. Although Belvedere Infant School is the admissions authority, an independent panel considers appeals and their decision is binding on both parties.

Date of entry to Reception classes and admission outside the normal age group

All children can start in a Reception class in the September of the academic year when they become five years old. Compulsory school age is the beginning of the school term after the child's fifth birthday, and entry may be deferred to the January or April after the fifth birthday.

Parents of children born between 1 April and 31 August may request entry to Reception (rather than Year 1) in the September after the child's fifth birthday. Requests should where possible be made during the normal application period for primary places, accompanied by any available supporting evidence.

If the request is agreed, the application for a school place will be processed in the following year's application period. If the request is not agreed, the child must either start school before the fifth birthday or start school in Year 1 in the September following the fifth birthday. A place will not be allocated at a preferred school unless an application is made and the child qualifies for a place under the published admission criteria either in the normal or deferred year of entry.

In year requests for admission outside the normal age group (ie other than for entry to Reception) should be made at the time of application with supporting evidence. If a child is admitted to Reception one year later than normal, new requests must be made for entry outside the normal age group when transferring to junior school (for a child attending an infant only school) and secondary school.

All decisions on admission outside the normal age group to community and voluntary controlled schools will be made by the London Borough of Bexley in consultation with the Head Teacher of the preferred school. There is no right of appeal against a decision not to admit a child outside the normal age group. (Subject to legislative changes)

In year applications

All applications should be directed to the London Borough of Bexley using the in-year application form available to download from:

<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/year-applications/applying-school-year>

The Local Authority holds all waiting lists for places that may become available throughout the year. Any child not offered a place will be placed on the waiting list. Parents have the statutory right of appeal.

Parents of children not offered places will also be informed of the appeals procedure. Parents have a statutory right to appeal in the event of Bexley admissions' decision not to offer a place. Although Bexley is the admissions authority, an independent panel considers appeals and their decision is binding on both parties.

Note 1: A looked after child is a child who is in the care of a local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. They are also children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).

Note 2: Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step 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. The elder sibling must still be on roll at the school when the younger child starts school.

Note 3: "Home" being where the child normally resides as their only or principal residence. Addresses involved in child minding (professional or relatives) are excluded. Parents will be asked to provide documentary evidence to confirm an address and parental responsibility. It is expected that the applicant and pupil will still be resident at the same address when the child starts school unless exceptional circumstances apply.

Note 4: Distance will be measured (in a straight line) from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school building, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Belvedere Junior School

The Pioneer Academy, Mitchell Close, Belvedere DA17 6AA
Tel: 01322 431404

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Statement of Intent

At Belvedere Junior School, we welcome all pupils, and places at the school are offered in an open and fair way. Our admissions process is delivered in line with the Equality Act 2010, the School Admissions Code, the School Admission Appeals Code, the Human Rights Act 1998 and the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

The number of places available is determined by the capacity of the school, and is called the 'agreed admissions number'. Our published admissions number (PAN) is 360.

Admissions

Legal framework

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Equality Act 2010
- Human Rights Act 1998
- School Standards and Framework Act 1998
- DfE (2014) 'School Admissions Code'
- DfE (2012) 'School Admission Appeals Code'

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Data Protection Policy

Roles and responsibilities

The admission authority is responsible for:

- Acting in accordance with the relevant legislation and guidance when carrying out the overall admission of pupils into the school.
- Outlining the school's admissions arrangements and publishing them on the academy website.
- Clearly communicating any reasons for rejecting the admission of a pupil, as well as the parent's right to appeal and the appeal process.
- Implementing any advice or recommendations given by the Schools Adjudicator without undue delay.
- Determining the admission arrangements on an annual basis and publicly consulting stakeholders on any proposed changes to the admission arrangements.
- Setting clear, fair and effective oversubscription criteria which do not discriminate against any pupil.
- Communicating oversubscription criteria clearly to parents.
- Notifying the LA of any in-year admissions and their outcomes.

The Schools Adjudicator is responsible for:

- Acting in line with the relevant legislation and guidance pertaining to admissions.
- Receiving concerns and objections regarding the admission of pupils and making recommendations to the admission authority as a result of these concerns and objections.
- Approving variations to determined admissions arrangements where there has been a major change in circumstances or law.

The appeals clerk is responsible for:

- Having an in-depth knowledge of the relevant appeals codes and other relevant law.
- Providing an independent and impartial service for admission appeals.
- Making the necessary administrative arrangements for hearings.
- Notifying all parties of the order of proceedings in advance of an appeals hearing.
- Responding to queries from appellants in advance of an appeals hearing or identifying who will be appropriate to respond.
- Being an independent source of advice on procedure and admissions law.
- Keeping accurate records of proceedings and providing written notification of the appeals panel's decisions.

Admissions

Determining a PAN

The number of places available is determined by the capacity of the school.

The PAN for new Year 3 pupils is 90.

The admission authority will notify the LA of their intention to increase the school's PAN and reference the changes on the school's website.

If the admission authority can accept more pupils than the PAN, it will notify the LA in good time so that the LA can deliver their

coordination responsibilities effectively.

Oversubscription criteria

In the event of there being an oversubscription of applicants to the school, the following oversubscription criteria for each relevant age group will be applied:

- Looked After Children (LAC) and Post Looked-After Children (PLAC) will be given priority over non-LAC or PLAC children.
- Children with siblings currently at the school will be given priority.
- Children of staff at the school will be given priority.
- Proximity to the school

The school will accept all pupils who name the school in their EHC plan. If it is unclear whether a child meets the oversubscription criteria, the admission authority may request proof of address.

If there is a 'tie-breaker' between oversubscribed pupils, the school will follow a fair, clear and effective procedure by allocating the place to the pupil who lives closest to school. When formulating their admission arrangements, the admission authority will not carry out the following:

- Place any conditions on the consideration of any application other than those in the oversubscription criteria published in their admission arrangements
- Take into account any previous schools attended, unless it is a feeder school
- Give priority to children whose parents rank preferred schools in their application
- Give priority to children based on any practical or financial support their parents give to the school or associated parties (including any affiliated religious organisation)
- Give priority to children according to the occupational, marital, financial or educational status of parents applying – apart from where these factors determine a child whose parents work at school
- Take account of reports from previous schools about children's past behaviour, attendance, attitude or achievement, or that of any other children in the family
- Discriminate against any protected characteristic
- Give priority based on a child's or their parents' past or present hobbies or activities
- Name fee-paying independent schools as feeder schools
- Interview children or parents
- Request financial contributions as part of the admissions process
- Request photographs of children – apart from for proof of identity when sitting selection tests

Catchment areas

The point within the school grounds from which the school will measure any distance or radii is the door of the school reception. This point will be used to determine the school's catchment area. This should be measured using the child's primary address.

The school will accept pupils from outside the catchment area – oversubscription criteria will apply where applicable.

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Siblings and children of staff

For the purpose of this policy, “sibling” is defined as any brother or sister related by blood or marriage and any fostered or adopted siblings.

Where oversubscribed, the school will give priority to children whose siblings are currently at the school at the beginning of their first term.

For the purpose of this policy, “children of staff” refers to any children of staff who have been employed by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application was made, and where the member of staff has been recruited to fill a vacant post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Equal opportunities

The school will not establish admissions criteria that excludes individuals with a particular protected characteristic.

The admissions criteria will not exclude a greater proportion of pupils with particular protected characteristics, unless the school can justify how this is a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim.

The admissions criteria will not discriminate against disabled applicants, unless the school can justify how this is a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim.

Admissions procedures

The school will offer open events and school visits to all potential applicants, irrespective of any protected characteristics. Where necessary, the school will make reasonable adjustments for disabled applicants or disabled parents.

The school may assess its ability to cater to the applicant's needs by:

- Inviting the applicant to attend the school for half a day
- Visiting the applicant's current education provision

Consultation and determination

The admission authority will consult on any proposed changes to the admissions arrangements.

Consultation will last for a minimum of six weeks and will take place between 1 October and 31 January in the determination year.

The admission authority will consult on admissions arrangements at least once every seven years, even if no changes have been made in that time.

The admission authority will consult with the following:

- Parents of all pupils
- Stakeholders
- Other admission authorities within the relevant area
- The LA who are not the admission authority

The admission authority will publish a copy of the full proposed admission arrangements and the contact details of the individual responsible for admissions liaison on the school website.

A copy of the proposed admission arrangements will be made available upon request.

Admission arrangements will be determined by 28 February in the determination year on an annual basis, even when no changes to the arrangements have been made.

Finalised admission arrangements will be published on the school website.

A copy of the finalised admission arrangements will be sent to the LA for entry by 15 March in the determination year.

Any objections to the admission arrangements will be directed to the Adjudicator by 15 May in the determination year.

Applications and offers

Parents will be provided with a common application form (CAF) where they will note their three preferred schools, along with a brief explanation, in rank order – the schools do not have to be located in the LA area where the parents live.

Parents will provide LAs with the following information within the CAF:

- Their name and their child's name and date of birth
- Theirs and their child's address and proof of residence

The CAF will be submitted to the parents' LA.

Parents are not guaranteed to have their preferences met.

The admission authority will request supplementary information for the purpose of processing applications where necessary.

The admission authority will not request any of the following:

- Any personal details, including information on criminal convictions or financial status
- The first language of the parent or child
- Details about the parents' or child's disability, medical or SEND requirements
- Any parental agreement to follow the ethos of the school in a practical way
- For the child to complete any part of the form or for both parents to provide signatures

Once a place has been offered, the admission authority may ask for the child's short birth certificate as proof of birth date.

For PLAC and LAC, the admission authority will request a copy of the adoption order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order, and a letter from the LA confirming that the child was looked after immediately prior to the order being made.

A clear, fair and objective waiting list will be provided until 31 December of each year. Priority will not be given to pupils based on the date they were placed on the list. LAC and PLAC will take priority over the waiting list.

An offer will only be withdrawn if it has been made in error; a parent has not responded within 20 working days, or if the offer was made via a fraudulent or misleading application.

If any application is found to be fraudulent after a child has started at the school the pupil will not be removed.

All offers will be made on National Offer Day, i.e. 16 April or the next working day.

The LA will maintain a waiting list for oversubscribed schools on behalf of the admission authority.

The admission authority will make clear in the admissions arrangements the process for requesting admission outside of the normal age group for the admissions round.

The Head Teacher will assist the admission authority with deciding on which year group a child will enter. Once a decision has been reached, the child's parents will be informed in writing along with an explanation of how the decision was reached and any reasons why.

Pupils not of usual school age will not be given less of a priority where the school is over subscribed.

Applications for children coming from overseas will be treated in accordance with EU law or Home Office rules.

For children of UK service professionals, the following procedure will be adhered to:

- A place will be allocated to the child in advance of the family arriving in the area named in the application form.
- The application must be accompanied with an official letter confirming the relocation date and the service unit's postal address or quartering area address when considering the application against the oversubscription criteria.
- The application will not be refused on the grounds of the child not currently living in the area, nor will places be uniquely reserved.

The arrangements for service children will be in line with the government's commitment to removing disadvantage for service children.

Admissions appeals

If parents wish to appeal, they must make the appeal in writing.

Constitution of appeals panels

The admission authority and the appeals panel will act in accordance with all relevant legislation and guidance.

The judicial function of the appeals panel will be transparent, accessible, independent and impartial, and will operate in accordance with the principles of natural justice.

A clerk will be appointed to the appeals panel who is independent of the school and the education functions of the LA.

The appeals panel will comprise a chair and at least two other panel members. The panel will also include at least one lay person and a person who has experience in education.

The chair of the appeals panel is responsible for the conduct of the hearing, including introducing parties, explaining individual roles and how the hearing will be conducted, and ensuring that parties have sufficient opportunity to state their case and ask questions.

Panel members will be independent from the school and will remain independent for the duration of their service.

The clerk is responsible for assigning members of the appeals panel; however, they will not assign the following disqualified persons:

- A member of the LA which is the admission authority or in whose area the school is located
- A member or former member of the governing board of the school

- An employee at the LA or governing board of the school, other than a teacher or TA
- Any person who has, or at any time has had, any connection with the admission authority, school or LA who may not act impartially
- Any person who has not attended training required by the admission authority arranging the appeals panel

There will be three members of the panel available at all times during the appeals process. If any member has to temporarily withdraw, the hearing will be postponed until the panel member returns. If the panel member is unable to return, they will be replaced, and the appeals will be reheard.

Appropriate training will be given, funded by the admission authority, to all panel members and clerks before they take part in a panel hearing. As a minimum, this training will include:

- The law relating to admissions.
- The panel's duties under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010.
- Procedural fairness and natural justice.
- The roles of specific panel members, e.g. the chair.

Members of the appeals panel will receive travel and subsistence allowances where applicable, and will be compensated for any loss of earnings or expenses.

The appeals panel must not have a vested interest in the outcome of the hearing.

The admission authority will indemnify the members of the appeals panel against any legal costs and expenses they incur in connection with any decision taken in good faith whilst acting as a member of the appeals panel.

Appeals hearings

The admission authority will publish an appeals timetable on their website by 28 February each year. The timetable will comply with section three of the 'School admission appeals code'.

Appeals will be lodged and heard for the **normal admissions round** within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals.

For late applications, appeals will be heard between 30-40 school days of the appeal being lodged.

For **in year** admissions, appeals will be heard within 30 days of the appeal being lodged.

Admission authorities will provide appellants with written notification of the date and all final arrangements of the appeal hearing, including a deadline for the submission of any further evidence that was not sent in the original appeal.

The admission authority will comply with any request for information to help parents prepare their case for the appeals hearing.

All evidence relating to the appeal hearing will be passed on to the clerk, including the admission process, reasons for the decision and how the admission would cause prejudice to the education provision of the school.

The clerk will send all the papers required for the hearing to both parties and the members of the panel seven days before the hearing.

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The presenting officer will be responsible for relaying to the attendees the decision not to admit the child, and answer questions where necessary.

Appellants may attend in person or be represented by another individual. Where appellants cannot attend, a decision will be made based on the written evidence.

Appeal hearings must be private and held in an accessible location. The order of the appeals will be:

- Case for the admission authority.
- Questioning by the appellant(s) and panel.
- Case for the appellant(s).
- Questioning by the admission authority and panel.
- Summing up by the admission authority.
- Summing up by the appellant(s).

Multiple appeals will be heard, either individually or in groups, by the same appeals panel where appropriate.

Notes of the hearing will be made and kept securely by the admission authority for a minimum of two years. These notes are, in most cases, exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Reaching a decision

When reaching a decision, the admission authority will have due regard to section three of the 'School admission appeals code'.

Appeals decisions will either be upheld or dismissed – there will be no conditional decisions made, in line with section 94(6) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

The final decision will be decided by a simple majority. If votes are split equally, the chair will make the casting vote.

The final decision and accompanying reasons will be communicated in writing to the appellant, admission authority and the LA.

The decision letter will be signed by the clerk or chair of the appeals panel and sent no later than five school days after the decision has been made.

If a child has been refused admissions due to any SEND, this will be considered by the First-tier Tribunal (SEND) and not the appeals panel.

The admission authority will have due regard for the two-stage process outlined in the 'School admission appeals code' when negotiating appeals regarding infant class sizes.

Complaints

Appellants do not have the right to more than one appeal in respect of the school for the same academic year unless, in exceptional circumstances, the admission authority has accepted a second application from the appellant due to a material change in the circumstances of the parent, child or school but still refused admission.

Appellants can apply for a place at the school for a different academic year.

If appellants have an issue with the appeal process, they can complain to the Secretary of State.

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed by the school board on an annual basis.

Any changes to this policy will be communicated to all staff and other interested parties.

The next scheduled review date for this policy is September 2030.

Bishop Ridley CE Primary School

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Bishop Ridley CE Primary School is a Voluntary-Aided school in the Diocese of Rochester.

We live our school life in line with our school vision "One Community, Learning & Growing Together, Sharing the Love of God". This vision is underpinned by our core Christian values of Trust, Forgiveness, Thankfulness, Compassion, Friendship and Humility. We welcome children of all faiths and of none. We are dedicated to helping them achieve their full potential

Pupil Numbers

Our maximum number of registered pupils is 420, plus 52 nursery places. The school provides an education for children between the ages of 3+ and 11, from Nursery (offering 30 hour Nursery subject to viability) to Year 6.

The published admission number for the primary school is 60 and up to 60 children will be offered places for admission to reception classes in any one academic year.

Application Dates

Children whose fifth birthday falls between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 can be admitted in September 2023 (or January 2024, if parents so wish). Applications will be invited from 1 September 2022 and the closing date for applications will be 15 January 2023.

Applications made after the closing date will be considered after all applications received on time have been processed.

How to Apply

Applications will be made on the Bexley Common Application Form (BCAF). This will be available from the school or the Bexley Council Civic Offices from 1 September 2022. The BCAF will ask for general information such as home address and if there is a sibling already at the school.

Parents must also complete a supplementary form, which will enable them to give information about church attendance etc. This will also be available from the school from 1 September 2022.

Both forms, together with any documentary evidence (e.g. proof of address and birth certificate), must be returned to the school by 15 January 2023. Any form returned after this date will be considered as a late application and will be dealt with on the basis of the over-subscription criteria below. They will not be dealt with on a 'first come first served' basis.

Over-subscription Criteria

If the school is over-subscribed the following criteria will be applied in this order of priority:

1. Children with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP), that states that the school would be particularly suitable in meeting their special needs. A copy of the child's plan naming Bishop Ridley School is required to support the application.
2. Children in public care (Looked After Children).
3. Children with a parent employed by Bishop Ridley School.
4. Children with a brother or sister in the main primary school at the time of admission; this includes natural siblings, stepsiblings and those living in the same household as siblings.
5. Children resident in the parish of Bishop Ridley.
6. Children whose parents are regular practicing members of Bishop Ridley Church and whose regular attendance can be confirmed by the clergy of that church in a letter of declaration. 'Regular attendance' is defined as at least once a month over a period of the twelve months prior to the date of application. 'Membership' is defined as having been on the electoral roll of the church for at least six months. Where an applicant has recently moved then evidence must be provided of regular attendance at the previous church. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to obtain the reference and submit it at the time of application.
7. Children whose parents are regular practicing members of another Anglican church, whose regular attendance can be confirmed by a clerical reference as in point six above.
8. Children whose parents worship at any other Christian place of worship, who accept and support the ethos of a Church of England school and whose regular attendance is confirmed by the priest/ minister/ religious leader of that place of worship by written reference.
9. Children of other Christian denominations whose parents state that they accept and support the ethos of a Church of England school.
10. Children of other faiths whose parents state that they accept and support the ethos of a Church of England school.
11. Children of no faith whose parents state that they accept and support the ethos of a Church of England school.
12. Other children who do not fall into any of the above criteria, including those for whom a supplementary form has not been submitted.

Where a choice has to be made within any of the above categories then the following criteria will be used to determine priority within each category:

- (a) Children, or one or both parents, with a medical condition or disability, which would cause significant hardship if the child could not attend this school. This would need to be supported by a consultant doctor's letter or certificate, or by evidence of a registered disability.
- (b) Reference will be made to the distance the child lives from the school gates measured in a straight line (not by the shortest walking route). Children living nearer to the school will be given priority over those living further away.

Variation to Over-subscription Criteria (6-8 above) regarding church attendance

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship, the church [or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] has been closed for public worship,

and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church [or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

Casual Admissions

Casual admissions of children moving into the area or transferring from another school will be considered by the Governing Body having regard to the admissions criteria stated above and according to whether places are available in the appropriate classes.

Infant Class Size

The need to comply with the legal requirement that no infant class may have more than 30 pupils means that it is very unlikely that more than 60 pupils will be admitted in any one year.

Register of Interest

A Register of Interest will be kept with the details of the applicants who are refused admission due to over-subscription. This will be kept in the sequence of the criteria described above. As places become available they will be offered to applicants on the register. Names will be kept on the register until the end of the academic year for which the application for admission was made.

Right of Appeal

In the event of an application being unsuccessful, parents have the right to appeal against the Governing Body's decision not to offer a place. Appeals should be made in writing to the Clerk of the Appeals Committee c/o Clerk to the Governing Body at the school address. Details of the appeals procedure will be set out in the letter of refusal. Refusal letters will be sent out at the same time as those offering places to parents. An independent appeals panel will consider each case on its merits.

Brampton Primary Academy

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Admissions Policy 2023/24

Brampton Primary Academy (the School) is a primary academy located in Bexleyheath, and is part of REAch2 Academy Trust (the Trust).

The Trust is the 'admission authority' for all of its academies and has developed an Admission Policy which is compliant with the School Admissions Code 2021 and other guidance/legislation using a Trust-wide approach to admissions, following public consultation. The Trust's aim is to ensure all of its academies have simple, consistent admission arrangements that focus on serving the local community and reflect the Trust's vision and values. More information about the Trust is available on its website: www.reach2.org

The School provides education for children aged 4-11. We strive to create a culture which motivates all members of our community and enables children to reach their full potential and beyond by supporting the breadth of children's growth, both academically and socially. Our teachers and support staff are caring and dedicated. They are committed to the highest standards of teaching and learning and endeavour to inspire our

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children's confidence in their ability to make progress. They work exceptionally hard to ensure learning is challenging, creative and relevant for our children. Together, we work towards our principle ethos – "Striving to reach the best". More information about the School is available on its website:

www.brampton.bexley.sch.uk.

Published Admission Number (PAN)

The PAN is the number of pupils the school will admit into Reception. The admission number for Brampton Primary Academy is 60 pupils.

The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applications than this are received, the Academy Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

Applications in the 'normal round' (that is the main cycle of applications for Reception places from the beginning of the school year) are administered on behalf of the Academy Trust by {Insert name of Local Authority} in accordance with the local coordinated scheme.

Statutory Maximum Infant Class Size

By law, infant classes (i.e. classes in Reception Year, Year 1 and Year 2 class) with a single school teacher are not permitted to contain more than 30 pupils, except in certain circumstances as set out below.

Some children are deemed to be 'excepted pupils', which means that they can be admitted to year group over its PAN and

into a class over 30 pupils. These include (but are not limited to) children with an EHC plan and looked after children and previously looked after children placed outside the 'normal admission round'. Further information is contained in the Code.

Equality

The Trust and the School are familiar with, and fully comply with, their duties and responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 in relation to children with protected characteristics, and this policy has been developed with regard to those responsibilities.

Meaning of 'Parent'

In this policy, the term 'parent' means a natural or adoptive parent of the child, as well as a person who is not the natural or adoptive parent of the child, but who has care of the child, or parental responsibility for the child. This is the legal definition of a 'parent' in education law.

Home Address

The 'home address' is considered to be the address at which the child resides on a permanent basis or is 'ordinarily resident'. This is generally the address of the parent/carer. In some cases, children may be 'ordinarily resident' for the majority of the school week, including overnight, with another relative or carer, such as a grandparent. This may also be the case where a child resides between two parents at different addresses following the breakdown of the parental relationship. Where this is the case, the application may be processed on the basis of that address (where the child resides for the majority of the school week) and proof of address and residence arrangement will be required with the application. The child must be living with the parent, relative or carer 24 hours per day, for the majority of the school week. Arrangements where parents can leave and collect children from another relative or carer on a daily basis will be regarded as childcare arrangements, and the child will not be deemed to be 'ordinarily resident' with that person. In all cases we expect that

the adult with whom the child is 'ordinarily resident' receives the child benefit for the child (where eligible).

The exceptions to this rule are the children of UK Armed Forces service personnel with a confirmed posting to their area, or Crown Servants returning from overseas to live in the area, for whom an application for admission may be made in advance of their move where it is accompanied by an official letter that confirms the intended relocation date and a Unit postal address or quartering area address for the child.

Children with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan)

Children with an education health and care plan (EHC plan) are admitted to school under separate statutory procedures managed by the child's Local Authority, and not under this policy.

Where the child with an EHC plan which names the School will be admitted in the 'normal admission round', they will be allocated places in Reception Year before other applications are processed, which will reduce the number of available places within the published admission number (PAN). At all other times, the child will be admitted even where this means exceeding the PAN.

Oversubscription criteria

When the school is oversubscribed (that is, there are more applications than places available), after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school, priority for admission will be given to those children based on the criteria set out below, in the order shown:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children, as set out in definition 1 on page 5.
2. Previously looked after children outside of England.
3. Children with siblings in the school
4. Children of school staff fulfilling a skills shortage role
5. All other children

Definitions relating to the criteria

1. 'Looked after children' are (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions, in England. (see definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). 'Previously looked after children' are children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangement order, or special guardianship order. These definitions are set nationally, by the Department for Education.
2. 'Previously looked after children outside of England' who were in state care outside England, and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted will be allocated cases under this category. Children will be regarded as having been in state care outside England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.
3. 'Siblings' - For applications made in the normal admission round a relevant sibling is a child who has a brother or sister; adopted brother or sister; stepbrother or stepsister; foster brother or sister; or the child of a parent's co-habiting partner; living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends the school in any year group excluding the final year. Biological and adopted siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence.

Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings. For mid-year applications a sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit in the same family household and address as a child who attends or has been offered a place at the preferred school at the time of application and determination and with a reasonable expectation that the sibling will be attending at the time of admission.

4. This option is only available for all staff with a permanent contract to work at the school (and not employees in REAch2 cluster or central teams); it will be subject to confirmation by an independent REAch2 non-executive that, on the evidence available, the member of staff is recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skills shortage.
5. 'All other children' refers to all applicants who do not fall in to any of the categories above.

Tie Breaker

Where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available within any of the categories above, the order in which places will be allocated will be determined by reference to the distance between the child's home address (as defined by this policy) and the School, with those living nearer receiving higher priority.

'Home-to-school distance' is defined/measured "in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school building, using the Local Authority's computerized measuring system". 'Home address' is defined as "where the child normally resides as their only or principal residence. Addresses involved in child minding (professional or relatives) are excluded. Parents will be asked to provide documentary evidence to confirm an address and

parental responsibility. It is expected that the applicant and pupil will still be resident at the same address when the child starts school unless exceptional circumstances apply".

Note – these definitions are used by the Local Authority in relation to admissions to schools that they maintain – REAch2 schools adopt the same definition to avoid any confusion and keep arrangements as simple as possible for local parents and carers. The school and REAch2 as admissions authority reserve the right to carry out additional checks on the accuracy of the home address provided.

Where it is not possible to separate two or more applications because the children concerned live an equal distance from the School, the order in which places are allocated will be determined by the drawing of lots in front of an independent witness.

Where multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family are tied for the final place, we will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules and exceed our PAN.

Late applications

All applications received on or by the (date to be confirmed when published by Bexley Admissions) will be considered equally. Late applications can be accepted for good reasons until (date to be confirmed when published by Bexley Admissions). All applications received by the Local Authority after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. These will be considered after those received on time. If all available places are allocated to children whose applications were received on time, parents or carers who have made a late application may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list

Deferred entry for Reception places

Parents/carers offered a place in Reception for their child have a right to defer the date their child takes up the place, or to take the place up part-time, until the child reaches compulsory school age. Children reach compulsory school age on 31 August, 31 December or 31 March – whichever of those three dates follows (or falls on) the child's 5th birthday. Places cannot be deferred beyond the beginning of the summer term of the school year for which the offer was made.

Admission of children outside their normal age group, including for 'summer-born' children

Parents or carers may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so, they should include a written request with their application, setting out the year group in which they wish their child to be allocated a place and the reasons for their request.

When such a request is made, the Headteacher will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case, based on their professional judgement of what is in the best interest of the child, taking account of the evidence and rationale provided by the parents/carers.

Waiting lists

Where the school receives more applications for Reception places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until

31st December 2023, after which parents/carers must re-apply for a place in Year 1. The waiting list will be maintained by Bexley Admissions and it will be open to any parent or carer to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

A child's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria (not by date in which the child's name was added). Where places become vacant, they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in

accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be re-ordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

Appeals

Parents have a statutory right of appeal to an Independent Admission Appeal Panel against the refusal of a place at the School for their child. Admission Appeal Panel Hearings are conducted strictly in accordance with procedure and criteria set out in the School Admission Appeals Code 2012, which is accessible on

the Department for Education's website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-appeals-code>

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code. Appellants should contact the school for information on how to appeal. Appeals must be made in writing, setting out the reasons on which the appeal is made, and be lodged within the timescale given in the letter confirming the decision not to offer a place.

The appeals process is run in accordance with the statutory processes and timescales set out in the School Admissions Appeals Code.

Burnt Oak Junior School

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Admissions Policy 2023/24

Statement of intent

At Burnt Oak Junior School, we welcome all pupils, and places at the school are offered in an open and fair way. Our admissions process is delivered in line with the Equality Act 2010, the School Admissions Code, the School Admission Appeals Code, the Human Rights Act 1998 and the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

Legal framework

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Equality Act 2010
- Human Rights Act 1998
- School Standards and Framework Act 1998
- DfE (2014) 'School Admissions Code'
- DfE (2012) 'School Admission Appeals Code'

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Data Protection Policy

Roles and responsibilities

The admission authority is responsible for:

- Acting in accordance with the relevant legislation and guidance when carrying out the overall admission of pupils into the school.
- Outlining the school's admissions arrangements and publishing them on the academy website.
- Clearly communicating any reasons for rejecting the admission of a pupil, as well as the parent's right to appeal and the appeal process.
- Implementing any advice or recommendations given by the Schools Adjudicator without undue delay.
- Determining the admission arrangements on an annual basis and publicly consulting stakeholders on any proposed changes to the admission arrangements.
- Setting clear, fair and effective oversubscription criteria which do not discriminate against any pupil.
- Communicating oversubscription criteria clearly to parents.
- Notifying the LA of any in-year admissions and their outcomes.

The Schools Adjudicator is responsible for:

- Acting in line with the relevant legislation and guidance pertaining to admissions.
- Receiving concerns and objections regarding the admission of pupils and making recommendations to the admission authority as a result of these concerns and objections.
- Approving variations to determined admissions arrangements where there has been a major change in circumstances or law.

The appeals clerk is responsible for:

- Having an in-depth knowledge of the relevant appeals codes and other relevant law.
- Providing an independent and impartial service for admission appeals.
- Making the necessary administrative arrangements for hearings.
- Notifying all parties of the order of proceedings in advance of an appeals hearing.
- Responding to queries from appellants in advance of an appeals hearing or identifying who will be appropriate to respond.
- Being an independent source of advice on procedure and admissions law.
- Keeping accurate records of proceedings and providing written notification of the appeals panel's decisions.

Admissions

Determining a PAN

The number of places available is determined by the capacity of the school.

The PAN for new Year 3 pupils is 62.

The admission authority will notify the LA of their intention to increase the school's PAN and reference the changes on the school's website.

If the admission authority can accept more pupils than the PAN, it will notify the LA in good time so that the LA can deliver their coordination responsibilities effectively.

Oversubscription criteria

In the event of there being an oversubscription of applicants to the school, the following oversubscription criteria for each relevant age group will be applied:

- Looked After Children (LAC) and Post Looked-After Children (PLAC) will be given priority over non-LAC or PLAC children.
- Children with siblings currently at the school will be given priority.
- Children who have attended Chatsworth Infant School
- Children of staff at the school will be given priority.
- Proximity to the school

The school will accept all pupils who name the school in their EHC plan. If it is unclear whether a child meets the oversubscription criteria, the admission authority may request proof of address.

If there is a 'tie-breaker' between oversubscribed pupils, the school will follow a fair, clear and effective procedure by allocating the place to the pupil who lives closest to school.

When formulating their admission arrangements, the admission authority will not carry out the following:

- Place any conditions on the consideration of any application other than those in the oversubscription criteria published in their admission arrangements
- Take into account any previous schools attended, unless it is a feeder school
- Give priority to children whose parents rank preferred schools in their application

- Give priority to children based on any practical or financial support their parents give to the school or associated parties (including any affiliated religious organisation)
- Give priority to children according to the occupational, marital, financial or educational status of parents applying – apart from where these factors determine a child whose parents work at school
- Take account of reports from previous schools about children's past behaviour, attendance, attitude or achievement, or that of any other children in the family
- Discriminate against any protected characteristic
- Give priority based on a child's or their parents' past or present hobbies or activities
- Name fee-paying independent schools as feeder schools
- Interview children or parents
- Request financial contributions as part of the admissions process
- Request photographs of children – apart from for proof of identity when sitting selection tests

Catchment areas

The point within the school grounds from which the school will measure any distance or radii is the door of the school reception. This point will be used to determine the school's catchment area. This should be measured using the child's primary address.

The school will accept pupils from outside the catchment area – oversubscription criteria will apply where applicable.

Siblings and children of staff

For the purpose of this policy, "sibling" is defined as any brother or sister related by blood or marriage and any fostered or adopted siblings.

Where oversubscribed, the school will give priority to children whose siblings are currently at the school at the beginning of their first term.

For the purpose of this policy, "children of staff" refers to any children of staff who have been employed by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application was made, and where the member of staff has been recruited to fill a vacant post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Equal opportunities

The school will not establish admissions criteria that excludes individuals with a particular protected characteristic.

The admissions criteria will not exclude a greater proportion of pupils with particular protected characteristics, unless the school can justify how this is a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim.

The admissions criteria will not discriminate against disabled applicants, unless the school can justify how this is a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim

Admissions procedures

The school will offer open events and school visits to all potential applicants, irrespective of any protected characteristics. Where necessary, the school will make reasonable adjustments for disabled applicants or disabled parents.

The school may assess its ability to cater to the applicant's needs by:

- Inviting the applicant to attend the school for half a day
- Visiting the applicant's current education provision

Consultation and determination

The admission authority will consult on any proposed changes to the admissions arrangements.

Consultation will last for a minimum of six weeks and will take place between 1 October and 31 January in the determination year.

The admission authority will consult on admissions arrangements at least once every seven years, even if no changes have been made in that time.

The admission authority will consult with the following:

- Parents of all pupils
- Stakeholders
- Other admission authorities within the relevant area
- The LA who are not the admission authority

The admission authority will publish a copy of the full proposed admission arrangements and the contact details of the individual responsible for admissions liaison on the school website.

A copy of the proposed admission arrangements will be made available upon request.

Admission arrangements will be determined by 28 February in the determination year on an annual basis, even when no changes to the arrangements have been made.

Finalised admission arrangements will be published on the school website.

A copy of the finalised admission arrangements will be sent to the LA for entry by 15 March in the determination year.

Any objections to the admission arrangements will be directed to the Adjudicator by 15 May in the determination year.

Applications and offers

Parents will be provided with a common application form (CAF) where they will note their three preferred schools, along with a brief explanation, in rank order – the schools do not have to be located in the LA area where the parents live.

Parents will provide LAs with the following information within the CAF:

- Their name and their child's name and date of birth
- Theirs and their child's address and proof of residence

The CAF will be submitted to the parents' LA.

Parents are not guaranteed to have their preferences met.

The admission authority will request supplementary information for the purpose of processing applications where necessary.

The admission authority will not request any of the following:

- Any personal details, including information on criminal convictions or financial status
- The first language of the parent or child

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- Details about the parents' or child's disability, medical or SEND requirements
- Any parental agreement to follow the ethos of the school in a practical way
- For the child to complete any part of the form or for both parents to provide signatures

Once a place has been offered, the admission authority may ask for the child's short birth certificate as proof of birth date.

For PLAC and LAC, the admission authority will request a copy of the adoption order; child arrangements order or special guardianship order; and a letter from the LA confirming that the child was looked after immediately prior to the order being made.

A clear, fair and objective waiting list will be provided until 31 December of each year. Priority will not be given to pupils based on the date they were placed on the list. LAC and PLAC will take priority over the waiting list.

An offer will only be withdrawn if it has been made in error; a parent has not responded within 20 working days, or if the offer was made via a fraudulent or misleading application.

If any application is found to be fraudulent after a child has started at the school the pupil will not be removed.

All offers will be made on National Offer Day, i.e. 16 April or the next working day.

The LA will maintain a waiting list for oversubscribed schools on behalf of the admission authority.

The admission authority will make clear in the admissions arrangements the process for requesting admission outside of the normal age group for the admissions round.

The Head Teacher will assist the admission authority with deciding on which year group a child will enter. Once a decision has been reached, the child's parents will be informed in writing along with an explanation of how the decision was reached and any reasons why.

Pupils not of usual school age will not be given less of a priority where the school is over subscribed.

Applications for children coming from overseas will be treated in accordance with EU law or Home Office rules.

For children of UK service professionals, the following procedure will be adhered to:

- A place will be allocated to the child in advance of the family arriving in the area named in the application form.
- The application must be accompanied with an official letter confirming the relocation date and the service unit's postal address or quartering area address when considering the application against the oversubscription criteria.
- The application will not be refused on the grounds of the child not currently living in the area, nor will places be uniquely reserved.

The arrangements for service children will be in line with the government's commitment to removing disadvantage for service children.

Admissions appeals

If parents wish to appeal, they must make the appeal in writing.

Constitution of appeals panels

The admission authority and the appeals panel will act in accordance with all relevant legislation and guidance.

The judicial function of the appeals panel will be transparent, accessible, independent and impartial, and will operate in accordance with the principles of natural justice.

A clerk will be appointed to the appeals panel who is independent of the school and the education functions of the LA.

The appeals panel will comprise a chair and at least two other panel members. The panel will also include at least one lay person and a person who has experience in education.

The chair of the appeals panel is responsible for the conduct of the hearing, including introducing parties, explaining individual roles and how the hearing will be conducted, and ensuring that parties have sufficient opportunity to state their case and ask questions.

Panel members will be independent from the school and will remain independent for the duration of their service.

The clerk is responsible for assigning members of the appeals panel; however, they will not assign the following disqualified persons:

- A member of the LA which is the admission authority or in whose area the school is located
- A member or former member of the governing board of the school
- An employee at the LA or governing board of the school, other than a teacher or TA
- Any person who has, or at any time has had, any connection with the admission authority, school or LA who may not act impartially
- Any person who has not attended training required by the admission authority arranging the appeals panel

There will be three members of the panel available at all times during the appeals process. If any member has to temporarily withdraw, the hearing will be postponed until the panel member returns. If the panel member is unable to return, they will be replaced, and the appeals will be reheard.

Appropriate training will be given, funded by the admission authority, to all panel members and clerks before they take part in a panel hearing. As a minimum, this training will include:

- The law relating to admissions.
- The panel's duties under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010.
- Procedural fairness and natural justice.
- The roles of specific panel members, e.g. the chair.

Members of the appeals panel will receive travel and subsistence allowances where applicable, and will be compensated for any loss of earnings or expenses.

The appeals panel must not have a vested interest in the outcome of the hearing.

The admission authority will indemnify the members of the appeals panel against any legal costs and expenses they incur in connection with any decision taken in good faith whilst acting as a member of the appeals panel.

Appeals hearings

The admission authority will publish an appeals timetable on their website by 28 February each year. The timetable will comply with section three of the 'School admission appeals code'.

Appeals will be lodged and heard for the normal admissions round within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals.

For late applications, appeals will be heard between 30-40 school days of the appeal being lodged.

For in year admissions, appeals will be heard within 30 days of the appeal being lodged.

Admission authorities will provide appellants with written notification of the date and all final arrangements of the appeal hearing, including a deadline for the submission of any further evidence that was not sent in the original appeal.

The admission authority will comply with any request for information to help parents prepare their case for the appeals hearing.

All evidence relating to the appeal hearing will be passed on to the clerk, including the admission process, reasons for the decision and how the admission would cause prejudice to the education provision of the school.

The clerk will send all the papers required for the hearing to both parties and the members of the panel seven days before the hearing.

The presenting officer will be responsible for relaying to the attendees the decision not to admit the child, and answer questions where necessary.

Appellants may attend in person or be represented by another individual. Where appellants cannot attend, a decision will be made based on the written evidence.

Appeal hearings must be private and held in an accessible location. The order of the appeals will be:

- Case for the admission authority.
- Questioning by the appellant(s) and panel.
- Case for the appellant(s).
- Questioning by the admission authority and panel.
- Summing up by the admission authority.
- Summing up by the appellant(s).

Multiple appeals will be heard, either individually or in groups, by the same appeals panel where appropriate.

Notes of the hearing will be made and kept securely by the admission authority for a minimum of two years. These notes are, in most cases, exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Reaching a decision

When reaching a decision, the admission authority will have due regard to section three of the 'School admission appeals code'.

Appeals decisions will either be upheld or dismissed – there will be no conditional decisions made, in line with section 94(6) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

The final decision will be decided by a simple majority. If votes are split equally, the chair will make the casting vote.

The final decision and accompanying reasons will be communicated in writing to the appellant, admission authority and the LA.

The decision letter will be signed by the clerk or chair of the appeals panel and sent no later than five school days after the decision has been made.

If a child has been refused admissions due to any SEND, this will be considered by the First-tier Tribunal (SEND) and not the appeals panel.

The admission authority will have due regard for the two-stage process outlined in the 'School admission appeals code' when negotiating appeals regarding infant class sizes.

Complaints

Appellants do not have the right to more than one appeal in respect of the school for the same academic year unless, in exceptional circumstances, the admission authority has accepted a second application from the appellant due to a material change in the circumstances of the parent, child or school but still refused admission.

Appellants can apply for a place at the school for a different academic year.

If appellants have an issue with the appeal process, they can complain to the Secretary of State.

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed by the school board on an annual basis.

Any changes to this policy will be communicated to all staff and other interested parties.

The next scheduled review date for this policy is September 2023.

Burstud Wood Primary School

Swanbridge Road, Bexleyheath DA7 5BS Tel: 020 8304 9960

Admission Policy 2023/24

Burstud Wood Primary School is an Academy. The Governing Body is responsible for decisions on admissions to the school. Children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 will be admitted to Reception classes in September 2023. The number of Reception places for the academic year 2023/24 will be 90.

Applications should be made on the home Local Authority's primary common application form and must be submitted by the published closing date.

If offered a place at Burstud Wood Primary School you will need to present supporting documentation to the school in the form of your child's birth certificate, your council tax statement and a copy of either child benefit and/or child tax credit with the child's home address as stated on the application.

The school will admit pupils with statements of special educational need naming the school, where the school has agreed that it can meet that child's needs. Where there are fewer

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applicants than places available all will be admitted. Where there are more applicants than places available, the school will apply the following oversubscription criteria, in this priority order:

Priority 1: Children in Public Care (looked after children) and children previously looked after immediately before being

adopted or subject to a residence or special guardianship order. To qualify for this priority, children must fall within the definition of 'looked after' as in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989. An adopted child must have been adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

Priority 2: This is given to children with a medical condition such that it is essential, on medical grounds, for the child to attend the preferred school. A medical adviser may be consulted and asked for a professional medical opinion on the case presented. Priority for Bursted Wood Primary School would only be given if it was the school closest to the home address unless the medical adviser considers attending the school is essential for medical reasons.

Requests for this priority must be made with supporting evidence at the time of application. Later requests will be considered

only if the medical condition occurs after the closing date for applications. Medical conditions consequential from a failure to obtain a place at Bursted Wood Primary School, for example distress (whether or not leading to a recognised medical condition), do not fall within this priority.

Priority 3: Siblings of children who will be attending Bursted Wood Primary School at the time the child is due for admission to the school. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year. For this priority, brother or sister includes a full brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or step/half brother or sister living at the same address.

Where in an allocation of places, children who are twins, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority. That means that in these

circumstances only, twins, triplets or children from other multiple births will be given priority over all other children who qualify to be admitted on distance.

Priority 4: In order to recruit and retain high quality staff, children with a parent or registered guardian employed at Bursted Wood Primary School on a permanent basis at the time of application will be awarded this priority in either or both of the following circumstances:

- a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
- b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage

Where there are more applications than places that fall into the above four priority categories, then distinctions will be made between applications by home to school measured in accordance with the London Borough of Bexley and the Academy's policy on home to school distance measurement, and higher priority will be given to those living closest to the school applied for.

Priority 5: This gives priority to pupils living nearest to the school based on the distance from the home address to Bursted Wood Primary School. A straight line measurement is used from the front door of the home address to the pupil entrance of the school using Bexley Council's computerised GIS system.

Home will be taken as the child's home address at the time of allocation that is the address at which the child lives with the parent or legal guardian who is also the main carer, defined as the parent eligible to receive child benefit and/or child tax credit at the time of application.

A waiting list will be kept of applicants who are refused admission due to oversubscription. When places become available, they will be offered in the sequence of the criteria above.

Parents have the right to appeal against any refusal by the Governors to admit their child. Details of the appeals procedure can be obtained by contacting the school office and the appeals timetable is also published on our website. Further guidance is available below

Tie breaker

Where one or more applicants live exactly the same distance from the school applied for and all would qualify for the last available place, the allocation of the last place will be made by drawing lots. The first child drawn will be offered the place, and the remaining children placed on the waiting list in the order of the draw.

Admissions during the year and outside the normal round.

Admission of children moving into the area or transferring from another school in year and outside of the normal admissions round will be considered by

Governors having regard to the admissions policy stated above and according to whether places are available in the appropriate year group.

Admission of children outside their normal age group:

Parents who are seeking a place for their child outside of their normal age group, eg. the child has experienced problems such as ill health or the parents of a summer born child choosing not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday, may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to Reception rather than Year 1. Governors of Bursted Wood Primary School will make decisions on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group, and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. They will also take into account the views of the school's Head Teacher. When informing a parent of the decision which year group the child should be admitted to, the Governors will set out clearly the reasons for their decision

Appeals

Where parents are not offered a place at Bursted Wood Primary School, they will be informed of their statutory right of appeal to an independent Schools Appeals Panel and sent further information on the appeal process on request.

Policy for the measurement of home to school distance

All home to school distances will be calculated by the London Borough of Bexley's computerised pupil database to ensure consistency.

Home to school distances will be measured using the intersection of the geographical grid co-ordinates (known as eastings and northings) supplied by the National Land and Property Gazetteer

(NPLG), or equivalent database, for the home address and for the nearest school entrance approved by the Governors as an official entrance.

Home to school distances will be measured by radial distance (straight line) from the intersection of the NPLG co-ordinates of the home address to the nearest official school entrance.

This method applies to home to school distance measurements for applications for community and voluntary controlled schools, and for all other schools where the admission authority commissions the London Borough of Bexley to measure distances on its behalf.

Castilion Primary School

Copperfield Road, Thamesmead, London SE28 8QA
Tel: 020 8311 5177

Admissions Policy 2023/24

Castilion Primary School converted to Academy on 1 April 2019, joining the Amadeus Academy Trust. Admissions Policies had already been determined by this date and therefore Castilion Primary School will follow the oversubscription criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools in Bexley, set out in Part 3 of this booklet.

1. Children born between 01.09.18 and 31.08.19 will be admitted in September 2023.
2. The Published Admission Number is 60.
3. Children with a statement of special educational need or and Education, Health and Care Plan naming Castilion Primary School will be admitted as a result of that process and will be given precedence for admission.
4. In the event of there being more applications than places the following oversubscription criteria will be used:

Priority 1

This is given to children in public care (looked after children) and children previously looked after immediately before being adopted or subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. To qualify for this priority, children must fall within the definition of 'looked after' as in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989.

Priority 2

This is given to children with a medical condition such that it is essential, on medical grounds, for the child to attend the preferred school. Equally, this priority will apply where either the disability or medical condition of a parent or sibling would cause significant hardship if the child did not attend the preferred school. The London Borough of Bexley's own medical adviser may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented. Priority will normally only be given if the school applied for is the closest school to the home address, unless the medical adviser considers that an alternative school is essential for medical reasons.

Requests for this priority must be made with supporting evidence at the time of application. Later requests will be considered only if the medical condition occurs after the closing date for applications. Medical conditions consequential from a failure to obtain the preferred school, for example emotional distress (whether or not leading to a recognised medical condition), do not fall within this priority.

Priority 3

This is given to children with a brother or sister who will be attending the school of parental preference at the time the child is due for admission to that school. This will also be given to children due for admission to the infant school whose brother or sister will be attending the associated junior school at the time of admission or vice versa. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year.

For this priority, brother or sister includes a full, step, half or adopted brother or sister living at the same address. Where in an allocation of places, children who are twins, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority. That means that in these circumstances only, twins, triplets or children from other multiple births will be given priority over all other children who qualify to be admitted on distance.

Priority 4

Priority will be awarded to children with a parent employed at the preferred LA maintained school where;

- a) The member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made,

and/or

- b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Priority 5

This gives priority to children living nearest to the school based on the distance from the home address to the nearest school entrance measured as a straight line in accordance with the London Borough of Bexley's policy on the measurement of home to school distance. Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer (the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and/or Child Tax Credit) at the time of application.

Where one or more applicants live exactly the same distance from the school applied for and all would qualify for the last available place, the allocation of the last place will be made by drawing lots. The first child drawn will be offered the place, and the remaining children placed on the waiting list in the order of the draw.

Nursery pupils

A child who attends the nursery class attached to a school is given no priority over children who did not attend the nursery.

Waiting lists

Parents may request that their child be included on the waiting lists for higher preference schools than the one allocated. These will be kept in the sequence of the oversubscription criteria. Waiting lists for junior school places will be merged with in year waiting lists from 1 May 2023. Waiting lists for Reception places will be merged with in year waiting lists from 1 September 2023.

Appeals

Where parents are not offered a place at the school of their preference, they will also be informed of their statutory right of appeal to an independent School Appeals Panel and sent further information on the appeal process on request.

Date of entry to Reception classes and admission outside the normal age group

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All children can start in a Reception class in the September of the academic year when they become five years old. Compulsory school age is the beginning of the school term after the child's fifth birthday, and entry may be deferred to the January or April after the fifth birthday. Parents of children born between 1 April and 31 August may request entry to Reception (rather than Year 1) in the September after the child's fifth birthday. Requests should where possible be made during the normal application period for primary places, accompanied by any available supporting evidence.

If the request is agreed, the application for a school place will be processed in the following year's application period. If the request is not agreed, the child must either start school before the fifth birthday or start school in Year 1 in the September following

the fifth birthday. A place will not be allocated at a preferred school unless the child qualifies for a place under the published admission criteria either in the normal or deferred year of entry.

In year requests for admission outside the normal age group (ie other than for entry to Reception) should be made at the time of application with supporting evidence. If a child is admitted to Reception one year later than normal, new requests must be made for entry outside the normal age group when transferring to junior school (for a child attending an infant only school) and secondary school.

All decisions on admission outside the normal age group to community and voluntary controlled schools will be made by the London Borough of Bexley in consultation with the Head Teacher of the preferred school. There is no right of appeal against a decision not to admit a child outside the normal age group.

Chatsworth Infant School

Burnt Oak Lane, Sidcup, Kent DA15 9DD Tel: 020 8300 9295

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All applications shall be received and offers made individually by the LA in common with other Bexley Primary Schools.

The school has an agreed admission number of 60 pupils for entry in year R. The school will accordingly admit up to 60 pupils in the relevant age group each year if sufficient applications are received. All applicants will be admitted if 60 or fewer apply.

In line with legislation, all children will be permitted to start in Reception in the September following their 4th birthday.

All applications shall be made using the LA standard application form which can be downloaded from www.bexley.gov.uk.

Admission Criteria

If the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named in the Statement or Plan, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in order:

- (i) A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order (see note 1). A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with

accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

- (ii) Siblings – children who have a brother or sister attending at the beginning of their first term (see note 2)

- (iii) Children of staff of the school – priority may be given to children of the staff in either or both of the following circumstances:

- a. Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
- b. The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

- (iv) Proximity, as measured in a straight line from the front door of the home to the front door of the school (see note 3 and 4)

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in category '4' above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and the school is the same. This process will be independently verified.

Offers of places will be made by the LA in April for the whole of the academic year. Children who are not offered a place immediately will have the option of remaining on a waiting list. Children on the waiting list will be offered places in order according to the criteria listed above. Children will be removed from the waiting list once the normal admission point for their birth date has passed, unless the parent requests in writing that they should continue to remain on it.

The Pioneer Academy – Chatsworth Infant School, in common with all other schools in Bromley, will admit pupils referred under the Fair Access Protocol. Subject to specific provisions in the protocol, a "Hard to Place" pupil will be given priority for admission over any others who are seeking or applying for a school place and the school can admit over their published admission number. The other criteria detailed in this document do not apply to pupils referred under the Fair Access Protocol.

Parents of children not offered places will also be informed of the appeals procedure. Parents have a statutory right to appeal in the event of The Pioneer Academy admissions decision not to offer a place. Although The Pioneer Academy is the admissions authority, an independent panel considers appeals and their decision is binding on both parties.

Note 1: An adoption order is an order under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders) Children Act 2002. A 'child arrangements order' is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 as amended by s.14 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

Note 2: Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step 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. The elder sibling must still be on roll at the school when the younger child starts school.

Note 3: "Home" being where the child normally resides as their only or principal residence. Addresses involved in child minding

(professional or relatives) are excluded. Parents will be asked to provide documentary evidence to confirm an address and parental responsibility. It is expected that the applicant and pupil will still be resident at the same address when the child starts school unless exceptional circumstances apply.

Note 4: Distance will be measured (in a straight line) from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school building, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Christ Church (Erith) C of E Primary School

Lesney Park Road, Erith, Kent DA8 3DG Tel: 01322 333780

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All parents/guardians applying for places for their children at Christ Church (Erith) C of E Primary School are expected to respect the Christian ethos of the school.

As Christ Church (Erith) is a member school of Trinitas Academy Trust it is a named **feeder school** for Trinity C of E Secondary School, Belvedere. **This means that children attending Christ Church (Erith) are given high priority when applying for a place at Trinity C of E Secondary School, Belvedere.**

All parents/guardians applying for places for their children at Christ Church (Erith) C of E Primary School are expected to respect the Christian ethos of the school.

As Christ Church (Erith) is a member school of Trinitas Academy Trust it is a named feeder school for Trinity C of E Secondary School, Belvedere. This means that children attending Christ Church (Erith) are given high priority when applying for a place at Trinity C of E Secondary School, Belvedere.

The published admission number for the school is 90; therefore, the Governing Body will offer up to 90 pupils a place in our Reception class in the academic year 2023-24.

Children are admitted to the Reception class in the school year in which they have their fifth birthday. All pupils born from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 can start in a Reception class in September 2023. Compulsory school age is the beginning of the school term after the child's fifth birthday. Parents / guardians of Reception age children have the right to deferment of entry or to take the place up part time, until the term in which the child reaches compulsory school age.

Parents / guardians of gifted and talented children, or of children who have experienced problems or missed part of a year, for example due to ill health, can seek places outside their normal age group. In addition, the parents / guardians of a summer born child may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to Reception rather than Year 1. Parents / guardians should write, in the first instance, to the Principal, explaining their reasons.

It is not an automatic right to choose this option and decisions will be made by the admission authority on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. To determine this the following will be taken

into account: the parent's / guardian's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. The views of the Principal of the school will also be taken into account. When informing a parent of their decision on the year group the child should be admitted to, the admission authority will set out clearly the reasons for the decision.

Where the admission authority agrees to a parent's / guardian's request for their child to be admitted out of their normal age group and, as a consequence of that decision, the child will be admitted to a relevant age group (i.e. the age group to which pupils are normally admitted to the school) the local authority and admission authority will process the application as part of the main admissions round, unless the parental request is made too late for this to be possible, and on the basis of their determined admission arrangements only, including the application of oversubscription criteria where applicable. They will not give the application lower priority on the basis that the child is being admitted out of their normal age group. Parents / guardians have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. This right does not apply if they are offered a place at the school but it is not in their preferred age group.

Applications for admission are welcomed from all parents / guardians. However, parents / guardians must note that evidence is needed for some admission criteria should the school receive more than 90 applications. The Governing Body is required to abide by the maximum limit of 30 pupils per class for infant classes (5, 6 and 7 year olds).

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an EHC plan which names the school are given priority before the criteria are applied.

Application Procedures and Timetable

Parents / guardians will be required to complete the Common Application Form available from their Home Authority. The CAF will be available online, or from any Primary School or the School Admissions Team at their Home Authority from 1st September 2022. Parents / guardians may express up to six preferences for primary schools on the CAF. To be treated as "on time" the CAF must be returned to the school shown as the first preference, with documenting evidence of address and child's date of birth, by 15th January 2023.

In addition to the CAF supplied by the Home Authority, the **Supplementary Information Form** available from the school must be completed and sent to the School Secretary not later than the closing date published by the Home Authority. If parents / guardians do not complete and return the **Supplementary Information Form** to the school by the closing date set for the return of the CAF, the application will be considered under oversubscription criterion 6 (if they have siblings in the school) or 7 (if they do not have siblings in the school).

Offers of places will be sent to parents / guardians on the common offer date as notified by the Home Authority. The national offer day for Reception is 16 April each year, but as this falls on a weekend in 2023 it will be the next working day: 17 April 2023.

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Oversubscription Criteria

If the school is oversubscribed the following criteria will be applied in order. These oversubscription criteria have been devised in accordance with the School Admissions Code.

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an EHC Plan which names the school are given priority before the criteria are applied.

1. Children in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care (defined as children under the age of 18 years for whom the local authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or who ceased to be so because they became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order under Part IV of the Act) or children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children of parents / guardians who **regularly** attend a Church of England Church with their family (Notes B, C, D. See also Footnote 1):
 Priority One: Christ Church C of E, Victoria Road, Erith, Kent
 Priority Two: any other Church of England Church
3. Children of members of Christ Church (Erith) CofE Primary school staff in either or both of the following circumstances:
 - Where the member of staff has been employed by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Children of parents / guardians who **regularly** attend a Church which is a member of Churches Together in England, or the Evangelical Alliance (Notes B, C, D. See also Footnote 1).
5. Children of parents / guardians who **regularly** attend their place of worship from another faith (Notes B, C, D. See also Footnote 1).
6. Children who have siblings in the school at the time of admission. If oversubscription occurs within this category, places will be offered in order of the age of the sibling – youngest first.
7. Places still available after the previous criteria have been applied, will be offered to children living nearest to the school measured by a straight line from the school gate, which has been approved by the governors, to the child's home address. Distance will be measured using Ordnance Survey address point data as supplied by the Local Authority. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

Notes

- A: Where a distinction has to be made within the above categories, then the following criteria will be used to determine priority within each category:
- a. Children who have siblings in the main school at the time of admission for subscription criteria 1 to 5. If over-subscription occurs within this category, places will be offered in order of the age of the sibling – youngest first.
 - b. Those living nearest to the school measured by a straight line from the school gate, which has been approved by the governors, to the child's home address.

- B: Regular attendance is defined as attending worship at least twice a month, over a minimum of twelve months. *Please see also Footnote 1.*
- C: It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure that they make their **regular** attendance known to the church clergy (or church leader/religious leaders) in order to support their declaration. Church clergy (or church leader/religious leader) will advise of ways to do this. Evidence will be required on the **Supplementary Information Form** completed by the parents / guardians and the church clergy (or church leader/religious leader). It must be completed and returned to the school by the published closing date. *Please see also Footnote 1.*
- D: If the family has moved to the area or has moved to a different Church within the previous year, the applicant should provide clergy references for all churches attended during the previous year by completing the appropriate section of the **Supplementary Information Form**. *Please see also Footnote 1.*
- E: For the purpose of this criterion, a 'sibling' is a child who lives at the same address as the child for whom a place is being requested, and is one of the following:
- The brother or sister
 - The half-brother or half-sister
 - The step-brother or step-sister (i.e. related by parent's marriage)
 - Any other child for whom it can be demonstrated that he/she is residing permanently at the same address (e.g. under the terms of a residence order or Foster-care plan).
- F: The home address will be taken as the child's home address on 15th January 2023, unless there is a qualifying change of address by 15th February 2023. It must be the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian, who is the main carer. Where there are shared responsibilities for the child, and as a consequence the child lives at two different addresses during the week, the home address will be regarded as the one at which the child sleeps for the majority of weekdays.

After offers of places have been made, a waiting list is drawn up according to our oversubscription criteria, in accordance with the DfE School Admissions Code – September 2021.

In year admissions

Applications for in year admissions will be considered by the Governing Body having regard to the Admissions Policy stated above and according to whether places are available in the appropriate year group. If a place cannot be offered at this time, then you may ask us for the reasons and you will be informed of your right of appeal. You will be offered the opportunity of being placed on a waiting list as outlined above.

Appeals

Parents / guardians have the right to appeal if their child is not offered a place at the school. They should do so in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the School, within 14 days of hearing that their child has not been allocated a place. An independent appeals panel will then be convened to hear the appeal.

Days Lane Primary School

Days Lane, Sidcup DA15 8JU Tel: 020 8300 1697

Admissions Policy 2023/24

Days Lane Primary School is a stand-alone academy. The Governing Body is responsible for decisions on admissions to the school.

A child who attends our nursery class, attached to the school, is given no priority over a child who did not attend the nursery.

The London Borough of Bexley will administer the applications process according to Days Lane's admissions criteria as set out below. Children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 will be admitted to Reception classes in September 2023. The number of Reception places for the academic year 2023/2024 will be 90. Applications should be made on the Local Authority's primary common application form and submitted by the closing date of 15 January 2023. This can be found on the London Borough of Bexley website.

If offered a place at Days Lane Primary School, parents will need to present supporting documentation to the school in the form of your child's birth certificate, council tax statement and a copy of either child benefit and/or child tax credit with the child's home address as stated on the application.

Home will be taken as the child's home address at the time of allocation that is the address at which the child lives with the parent or legal guardian who is also the main carer; defined as the parent eligible to receive child benefit and/or tax credit at the time of application.

Home to School Distance

All home to school distances will be calculated by the London Borough of Bexley's computerised pupil database to ensure consistency.

Home to school distances will be measured using the intersection of the geographical grid co-ordinates (known as eastings and northings) supplied by the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG), or equivalent database, for the home address and for the nearest school entrance approved by the Governors as an official entrance.

Home to school distances will be measured by radial distance (straight line) from the intersection of the NLPG co-ordinates of the home address to the nearest official school entrance.

This method applies to home to school distance measurements for applications for community and voluntary controlled schools, and for all other schools where the admission authority commissions the London Borough of Bexley to measure distances on its behalf.

The school will admit pupils with a statement of special educational need or an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school. Where there are fewer applicants than places available all will be admitted. Where there are more applicants than places available, the school will apply the following oversubscription criteria, in this order:

Priority 1: Children in Public Care (Looked After Children) and children previously looked after immediately before being adopted or subject to a residence or special guardianship order. To qualify for this priority, children must fall within the definition of 'looked after' as in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989. An adopted child must have been adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

Priority 2: Children for whom it is essential to be admitted to Days Lane Primary School because of special circumstances to do with significant medical needs. The application will need to be

supported by a letter from a hospital consultant, or similar medical professional. The information should demonstrate why Days Lane is the only school able to meet the child's specific medical needs. The Academy may seek professional medical advice on the request. Late requests will be considered only if the medical condition occurs after the closing date for applications. Medical conditions consequential from a failure to obtain the preferred school do not fall within this priority.

Priority 3: Siblings of children who will be attending Days Lane Primary School at the time the child is due for admission to the school. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year. For this priority, brother or sister includes a full brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or step/half brother or sister living at the same address.

Where in an allocation of places, children who are twins, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority. This means that in these circumstances only, twin, triplets or children from other multiple births will be given priority over all other children who qualify to be admitted on distance.

Priority 4: This is given where either the disability or medical condition of a parent or sibling or exceptional social or domestic circumstances would result in significant hardship if the child did not attend the school nearest to home, nearest to the place of work of the parent not suffering the condition, or convenient to the family's childminder. Requests for this priority must be made with supporting evidence at the time of application. The Academy may seek professional medical advice on the request.

Where there are more applications than places that fall in to the first four priority categories, then distinctions will be made between applications by home to school measured in accordance with the London Borough of Bexley's policy on home to school distance measurement and higher priority will be given to those living closest to the school.

Priority 5: Distance from school based on the distance from the front door of the home address to the main school entrance to Days Lane measured as a straight line in accordance with the London Borough of Bexley's policy on the measurement of home to school distance. Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer (the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and/or Child Tax Credit) at the time of application. Where one or more applicants live exactly the same distance from the school applied for and all would qualify for the last available place, the allocation of the last place will be made by drawing lots. The first child drawn will be offered the place, and the remaining children placed on the waiting list in the order of the draw.

Tie Breaker

Where one or more applicants live exactly the same distance from the school applied for and all would qualify for the last available place, the allocation of the last place will be made by drawing lots. The first child will be offered the place, and the remaining child placed on the waiting list in the order of the draw.

Admission Arrangements for All Schools

Waiting Lists

Parents of children who have not been offered a place at the school may ask for their child's name to be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list will be operated using the same admissions criteria listed above.

Placing a child's name on the waiting list does not guarantee that a place will become available. This does not prevent the parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place.

It is possible that when a child is directed under the local authority's fair access protocol they will take precedence over those children on the list.

Late Applications

Any late applications will be considered by the Governing Body, in the event of there being any available places using the above criteria. If all places have been filled, parents will be offered the opportunity of placing their child's name on the waiting list. This does prevent parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place.

Appeals

Where parents are not offered a place at Days Lane Primary School, there is a statutory right of appeal. Contact the school office for details of the appeal process and an application form.

Admissions during the year and outside the normal round

Admission of children moving into the area or transferring from another school in year and outside of the normal admissions round will be considered by Governors having regard to the admissions policy stated above and according to whether places are available in the appropriate year group.

Eastcote Primary Academy

Eastcote Road, Welling, Kent DA16 2ST Tel: 020 8856 1346

Admissions Policy 2023/24

Leigh Academies Trust is the Admissions Authority of the Academy. Applications for places will be made in accordance with London Borough of Bexley's co-ordinated admissions scheme and timetable. Although the process of admissions is managed by the Local Authority on behalf of the school, the Governing Body is responsible for decisions relating to admissions to the school.

Admission number

Eastcote Primary Academy has an agreed Published Admission Number (PAN) of 30 pupils for entry in reception. The Academy will accordingly admit at least 30 pupils in the relevant age group each year if sufficient applications are received. All applicants will be admitted if 30 or fewer apply.

Oversubscription criteria

If the Academy is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the Academy is named in the Statement or Plan, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Children in Care and previously Looked After Children

A Child in Care is a child who is (a) in the care of a Local Authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of their Social Care functions (Section 22(1) of the Children's Act 1989). A previously looked After Child is a child who was adopted or subject to a residence order, or special guardianship order, immediately following having been "Looked After".

2. Sibling(s)

Siblings of children who will be attending Eastcote Primary Academy at the time the child is due for admission to the academy. For this criterion sibling means children who live as brother and sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters. Children residing in the same households as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings. If siblings from multiple births (twins, triplets, etc.) apply for the Academy and the Academy would reach its Published Admission Number (PAN) after admitting one or more, but before admitting all of those siblings, the Academy will offer a place to each of the siblings, even if doing so takes the Academy above its PAN. If the admissions are to Year R, and so result in a breach of class size legislation, the additional pupil(s) will be treated as "excepted" for a period of one year, in line with the School Admission Code.

3. Child of a staff member

The son or daughter of a member of staff who has been employed at the academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made, or who has been recruited to fill a vacant post at the academy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. For this criteria son or daughter means a child who lives in the same house as the member of staff, including a natural son or daughter, an adopted child, stepson or daughter, or foster child. Children residing in the same households as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be eligible under this criterion. If children come from multiple births (twins, triplets, etc.) and the Academy would

reach its Published Admission Number (PAN) after admitting one or more, but before admitting all of those children, the Academy will offer a place to each of the children, even if doing so takes the academy above its PAN. If the admissions are to Year R, and so result in a breach of class size legislation, the additional pupil(s) will be treated as "excepted" for a period of one year, in line with the School Admission Code.

4. Health and Special Access Reasons

Medical and social reasons will be applied in accordance with the Academy's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose medical or social reasons mean they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend the Academy. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians', medical or social needs means that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend

the Academy. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner, and submitted at the time of application.

5. Nearness of children's homes to the Academy

We use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the Academy, measured in a straight-line using Ordnance Survey address point data. Distances are measured from a defined point within the child's home to a defined point within the Academy as specified by Ordnance Survey. The same address point on the Academy site is used for everybody. These straight line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the Academy with those living closest being given priority. If more than one applicant lives in a multi-occupancy building (e.g. flats) priority will be given to the applicant whose door number is the lowest numerically and/or alphabetically. Where parents live at separate addresses, and have joint custody, the address used will be the one where the child spends the main part of the academy week (i.e. Sunday night to Thursday night inclusive).

Applications eligible under criteria 1 – 4 are each ranked in order of nearness of the child's home to the Academy, using the method given in criterion 5.

Deferred entry for infants

Where an offer has been made, the academy will provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday. Parents can choose to defer the date their child is admitted to the academy until later in the academy year, but not beyond the start of the term after their child reaches compulsory school age and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the academy year.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Requests for admission outside of the normal age group should be made to the Principal as early as possible in the admissions round associated with the child's date of birth. This allows the Academy and admissions authority sufficient time to make a decision before the closing date. Parents are not expected to provide evidence to support their request, however where provided it must be specific to the child in question and may include medical or Educational Psychologist reports. There is no legal requirement for this medical or educational evidence to be secured from an appropriate professional, however, failure to provide this may impede the Academy's ability to agree to a request for admission outside of the normal age group. Parents are required to complete an application for the normal point of entry at the same time, in case their request is declined. This

application can be cancelled if the Academy agrees to accept a deferred application for entry into Year R the following year. Deferred applications must be made via paper CAF to the Local Authority, with written confirmation from the academy Principal. Deferred applications will be processed in the same way as all applications for the cohort in the following admissions round, and offers will be made in accordance with the Academy's oversubscription criteria.

Fair Access Protocols

The Academy works in accordance with the in-year Fair Access Protocols held by the Local Authority. Should a vulnerable child within the protocols require a place at the Academy, they will take precedence over any child on the waiting list.

Tie breaker

If it is necessary to use a tie-breaker to distinguish between two or more applications, a distance criterion will be used. Priority will be given to the applicants who live nearest to the Academy as measured in a straight-line using Ordnance Survey address point data. Distances are measured from a defined point within the child's home to a defined point within the Academy as specified by Ordnance Survey. The same address point on the Academy site is used for everybody. In the event that two or more children in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the Academy, names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place.

Operation of waiting lists

Subject to any provisions regarding waiting lists in the coordinated admission scheme, the Local Authority will operate a waiting list. Where in any year the Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until 31st August 2023. This will be maintained by the Local Authority and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application. Places from the waiting list will be offered in the priority order set out above, not in order of the date applications are made. The waiting list will be re-ranked each time a child is added or removed and before the offer of any place.

Appeals

Leigh Academies Trust delegates the responsibility for administration of appeals to the Academy. Parents who wish to appeal the decision to refuse their child a place at the Academy may appeal in writing to the Clerk to Governors c/o the Academy. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.

Admission Arrangements for All Schools

East Wickham Primary Academy

Wickham Street, Welling, Kent DA16 3BP Tel: 020 8854 0698

Admissions policy 2023/24

Children born between 01.09.18 and 31.08.19 will be admitted in September 2023. East Wickham Primary Academy admits 90 children per academic year.

Children with an Education and Health Care Plan may name East Wickham Primary Academy as part of the EHCP process and will be given precedence for admission where the right level of support can be given.

In the event of there being more applications than places the following oversubscription criteria will apply:

Priority One: children in public care and children previously looked after before being adopted or subjected to a residence or special guardianship order.

Priority Two: Children with a medical condition where it is essential, on medical grounds, for the child to attend the preferred school. Bexley's medical adviser may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented.

Priority Three: siblings of children who are already attending East Wickham Primary Academy. (this includes full, half or step brothers or sisters living at the same address.)

Where, in allocating places, children who are twins, triplets or other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than there are children – they will be treated as siblings priority, and given priority over distance rules.

Priority Four: This is given where either the disability or medical condition of a parent or sibling OR exceptional social or domestic circumstances would result in significant hardship if the child did not attend the school nearest to home, nearest to the place of work of the parent not suffering the condition or convenient to the family child minder. Requests must be made with supporting evidence. Bexley's medical adviser may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented.

Priority Five: Children who live closest to the school measured by straight line distance. All home to school distances are calculated by The London Borough of Bexley's computerized database to ensure consistency.

Please note: Children who attend the Nursery Class attached to the school ARE NOT GIVEN PRIORITY over children who did not attend the nursery. Admission applications have to be made for Reception classes.

Appeals

If a child is not offered a place their parent has the right to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel. In any such cases, parents should make their appeal in writing, within 15 working days, to:

The Clerk to the Governing Body
East Wickham Primary Academy
Wickham Street
Welling
Kent
DA16 3BP

The Independent Appeal Panel will be convened by the Governing Body and will consist of three members independent of the school. The decision of the Panel will be binding on the

Governors and the parents. Full details of Appeal Panel processes are available from the Clerk to Governors.

A waiting list will be maintained for one year in accordance with admissions processes. Children directed to the school by The Fair Access Panel will take precedence over children already on the waiting list.

Timetables

Applications should be made through your home Local Authority using the Common Application Form found on the website – e.g. www.bexley.gov.uk or www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk by contacting the admission team for a paper form on schooladmissions@bexley.gov.uk or calling 020 8303 7777.

Fairford Academy Barnehurst (previously Normandy Primary School)

Fairford Avenue, Barnehurst, DA7 6QP Tel: 01322 333 998

Admissions Arrangements for 2023/24

Fairford Primary School is part of Illuminate Minds Trust.

The Governing Body is responsible for decisions on admissions to the school.

Admissions Policy

Date of entry to Reception classes and admission outside the normal age group

All children can start in a Reception class in the September of the academic year when they become five years old. Compulsory school age is the beginning of the school term after the child's fifth birthday, and entry may be deferred to the January or April after the fifth birthday.

Applications should be made on the Local Authority's primary common application form and submitted by the closing date published by Bexley.

Parents of children born between 1 April and 31 August may request entry to Reception (rather than Year 1) in the September after the child's fifth birthday. Requests should where possible be made during the normal application period for primary places, accompanied by any available supporting evidence.

If the request is agreed, the application for a school place will be processed in the following year's application period. If the request is not agreed, the child must either start school before the fifth birthday or start school in Year 1 in the September following the fifth birthday. A place will not be allocated at a preferred school unless the child qualifies for a place under the published admission criteria either in the normal or deferred year of entry.

In year requests for admission outside the normal age group (i.e. other than for entry to Reception) should be made at the time of application with supporting evidence.

If a child is admitted to Reception one year later than normal, new requests must be made for entry outside the normal age group when transferring to junior school (for a child attending an infant only school) and secondary school.

All decisions on admission outside the normal age group to community and voluntary controlled schools will be made by the school in consultation with the London Borough of Bexley. There is no right of appeal against a decision not to admit a child outside the normal age group.

Children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 will be admitted to Reception classes in September 2023. The number of Reception places for the academic year 2023/2024 will be 90.

The school will admit pupils with Educational Health Care Plans naming the school, where the school has agreed that it can meet that child's needs.

Where there are fewer applicants than places available all will be admitted. Where there are more applicants than places available, the school will apply the following oversubscription criteria:-

Priority 1

Children in Public Care (Looked After Children) and children previously looked after immediately before being adopted or subject to a residence or special guardianship order.

Priority 2

Children with a medical condition, which would cause significant hardship if they could not attend Normandy Primary School. Supporting evidence must be provided at the time of application and will be considered only where Normandy Primary School is the nearest school to home. The London Borough of Bexley's own medical adviser may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented. Late requests will be considered only if the medical condition occurs after the closing date for applications. Medical conditions consequential from a failure to obtain a place at Normandy Primary School, for example emotional distress (whether or not leading to a recognised medical condition), are not such as to fall within this priority. "Significant hardship" will be interpreted as being greater than inconvenience, financial disadvantage or emotional upset.

Priority 3

Siblings of children who will be attending Normandy Primary School at the time the child is due for admission to the school. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year. For this priority, brother or sister includes a full brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or step/half brother or sister living at the same address.

Priority 4

To ensure retention and recruitment of high quality staff within the academy, priority will be awarded to children with a parent employed at Pelham Academy Trust or a school within the Trust where;

- a) The member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made,

and/or

- b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Priority 5

Children whose parent or sibling has a disability or medical condition that it would result in significant hardship if the child did not attend Normandy Primary School. Medical evidence of the child/sibling/parent will be considered only where Pelham Primary School is the nearest school to home, nearest to the place of

work of the parent suffering the condition, or nearest the home of the family's registered child-minder.

Priority 6

Distance from school with priority given to pupils living nearest to the school, based on the distance measured as a straight line from the home address to the nearest pupil entrance. Measurements will be provided by the London Borough of Bexley in accordance with its home to school distance measuring policy.

Home will be taken as the child's home address at the time of allocation, that is the address at which the child lives with the parent or legal guardian who is also the main carer, defined as the parent eligible to receive child benefit and child tax credit.

Tie breaker

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in situations where two applicants for the final place have an identical home to school distance.

A waiting list will be kept by the Governors of applicants who are refused admission due to oversubscription. When places become available, they will be offered in the sequence of the criteria above. The waiting list will be kept until the start of the Autumn term 2023.

Parents have the right to appeal against any refusal by the Governors to admit their child. Details of the appeals procedure can be obtained by contacting the school office.

Nursery Admission arrangements for 2023

Fairford Primary School is part of Illuminate Minds Trust and holds academy status. The Governors have responsibility for the admission arrangements for the school. However, the Governors have decided they wish to participate in the Council's arrangements. Therefore, applications and places allocated for the nursery class at Normandy Primary School will be dealt with using the same criteria as for community schools, in the way set out in Bexley Council's Admission to Nursery Classes in Bexley Schools booklet. Applications should be made on the Council's online or paper form.

Admissions during the year and outside the normal round.

Admission of children moving into the area or transferring from another school in year and outside of the normal admissions round will be considered by Governors having regard to the admissions policy stated above and according to whether places are available in the appropriate year group.

Gravel Hill Primary School

Watling Street, Bexleyheath, DA6 7QJ Tel: 01322 522343

Admissions Policy 2023/24

Admission to Reception Classes

Children born between 01.09.18 and 31.08.19 will be admitted in September 2023. The standard number for admissions to Gravel Hill is 60.

Children with a statement of special educational need or and Education, Health and Care Plan naming a school will be admitted to that school as a result of that process and will be given precedence for admission.

In the event of there being more applications than places the following oversubscription criteria will be used:

Priority 1: is given to children in public care (looked after children) and children previously looked after immediately before being adopted or subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order. To qualify for this priority, children must fall within the definition of 'looked after' as in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989.

Priority 2: This is given to children with a medical condition such that it is essential, on medical grounds, for the child to attend the preferred school. Unity's own medical adviser may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented. Priority will normally only be given if the school applied for is the closest school to the home address, unless the medical adviser considers that an alternative school is essential for medical reasons.

Requests for this priority must be made with supporting evidence at the time of application. Later requests will be considered only if the medical condition occurs after the closing date for applications. Medical conditions consequential from a failure to obtain the preferred school, for example emotional distress (whether or not leading to a recognised medical condition), do not fall within this priority.

Priority 3: This is given to children with a brother or sister who will be attending the school of parental preference at the time the child is due for admission to that school. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year.

For this priority, brother or sister includes a full, step, half or adopted brother or sister living at the same address.

Where in an allocation of places, children who are twins, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority. That means that in these circumstances only, twins, triplets or children from other multiple births will be given priority over all other children who qualify to be admitted on distance.

Priority 4: This is given where either the disability or medical condition of a parent or sibling or exceptional social or domestic circumstances would result in significant hardship if the child did not attend the school nearest to home, nearest to the place of work of the parent not suffering the condition, or convenient to the family's childminder. Requests for this priority must be made with supporting evidence at the time of application. Each request will be considered individually by a panel of Council officers. Unity's

medical adviser may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented.

Priority 5: This gives priority to children living nearest to the school based on the distance from the home address to the nearest school entrance measured as a straight line in accordance with the London Borough of Bexley's policy on the measurement of home to school distance. Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer (the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and/or Child Tax Credit) at the time of application.

Where one or more applicants live exactly the same distance from the school applied for and all would qualify for the last available place, the allocation of the last place will be made by drawing lots. The first child drawn will be offered the place, and the remaining children placed on the waiting list in the order of the draw.

For all applicants:

Waiting lists will be established for applicants not offered their first preference and kept in the sequence of the priorities.

Offers of places will be made by the Local Authority in April for the whole of the academic year. Children who are not offered a place immediately will have the option of remaining on a waiting list. Children on the waiting list will be offered places in order according to the criteria listed above. Children will be removed from the waiting list once the normal admission point for their date of birth has passed, unless the parent requests in writing the reasons that they should continue to remain on it.

The Unity Academy Trust – in common with all other schools in Bexley, will admit pupils referred under the Fair Access Protocol. The other criteria detailed in this document do not apply to pupils referred under the Fair Access Protocol.

Parents not offered places will also be informed of the appeals procedure. Parents have a statutory right to appeal in the event of the school's decision not to offer a place. An appeal panel will primarily consider whether or not the published admissions criteria has been properly followed.

For all primary admissions:

Any Bexley resident applicants not offered a place at any of their preferred schools, will be allocated a place at the school nearest to the home address which has a vacancy.

Parents may request that their child be included on the waiting lists for higher preference schools than the one allocated. These will be kept in the sequence of the oversubscription criteria. Waiting lists for junior school places will be merged with in year waiting lists from 1 May 2023. Waiting lists for Reception places will be merged with in year waiting lists from 1 September 2023.

Where parents are not offered a place at the school of their preference, they will also be informed of their statutory right of appeal to an independent School Appeals Panel and sent further information on the appeal process on request.

Date of entry to Reception classes and admission outside the normal age group

All children can start in a Reception class in the September of the academic year when they become five years old. Compulsory school age is the beginning of the school term after the child's fifth birthday, and entry may be deferred to the January or April after the fifth birthday.

Parents of children born between 1 April and 31 August may request entry to Reception (rather than Year 1) in the September after the child's fifth birthday.

Requests should, where possible, be made during the normal application period for primary places, accompanied by any available supporting evidence.

Haberdashers' Crayford Primary

Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, Kent DA1 4RS Tel: 01322 402 180

Admissions Policy 2023/24

Haberdashers' Aske's Federation Trust (the Trust) will act in accordance with any admissions legislation that applies to it directly, or which is applied to it virtue of the constituent academies' funding agreements with the Department for Education. The admissions policy is designed to comply with the School Admissions and Appeals codes that are in effect at the time of drafting this policy.

The Trust will consult the relevant organisations that may be affected by this admissions policy every 7 years or sooner if any changes are made, as per the School Admissions code.

Procedure for admitting pupils to the Crayford Primary

1. Admission Number: Nursery provision

For the year 2023/2024 and subject to any changes approved or required by the Secretary of State, for subsequent years, Haberdashers' Crayford Primary has an agreed admission number of 52 pupils. The academy will accordingly admit 52 pupils (aged 3-4 years) each year if sufficient applications are received. The nursery school day is a morning session only, 5 days per week – 26 children (aged 3 – 4 years) will be accommodated.

2. Admission Number: 5-11 Provision

For the year 2023/2024 and, subject to any changes approved or required by the Secretary of State, for subsequent years Haberdashers' Crayford Primary will admit the agreed admission number of 30 pupils (1 form entry) into its reception class each year if sufficient applications are received.

3. Increasing the agreed admission number

In any specific year, the Academy Trust may set a higher admission number than each academy's agreed admission number for an applicable year group without consultation. The Trust will notify the public and the local authority of the admission number for the relevant academic year by publishing their admission number on their website in line with the annual deadline for publishing their admissions arrangements.

4. Process of application

Nursery school applications will be made directly to Haberdashers' Crayford Primary and the timetable will be published yearly.

Parents may apply for reception places at both of the primary schools within the cluster, Haberdashers' Crayford Primary or Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary.

Applications for places in academies within the cluster will be made in accordance with the local authority's coordinated

admission arrangements and will be made on the common application form (CAF) provided and administered by the relevant LA. The academies within the cluster will use the common co-ordinated admissions scheme timetable agreed by the London Borough of Bexley.

5. Procedures where the nursery school at Haberdashers' Crayford Primary is oversubscribed

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, applications for the nursery school will be considered against the criteria set out below, in priority order: -

- a) A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is looked after by a local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions, in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the date of the relevant application for admission is made.
- b) Pupils for whom it is essential to be admitted to the nursery school because of special circumstances to do with significant medical or social needs. The application will need to be supported by a letter from a hospital consultant, social worker or similar professional. "The information should demonstrate why the nursery school is the only school able to meet the child's specific needs."
- c) Pupils who, on the date of admission, will have an older sibling (i.e. a natural brother or sister, or a half brother or sister, or a legally adopted brother or sister or half brother or sister, or step brother or sister who will be living with them at the same address) on the roll of the nursery or primary school at Haberdashers' Crayford Primary. Pupils will be considered under this criterion if they have a sibling who attends the nursery or primary school at the academy and who will continue to be on roll at Haberdashers' Crayford Primary when the pupil joins the nursery. Proof of the sibling relationship will be required if a place is offered. The sibling criteria for the nursery school is not relevant for students whose siblings attend other academies within the cluster.
- d) The remaining places will be offered to pupils who live nearest to Haberdashers' Crayford Primary on the basis of proximity. Home to academy distance will be measured as the direct line distance between the pupil's home post code and the academy's post code.

This will be calculated using <https://www.freemaptools.com/distance-between-uk-postcodes.htm>. If more than one applicant lives in a multi-occupancy building, such as a block of flats, priority will be given to the applicant whose door number is the lowest numerically and/or alphabetically. Proof of residency will be required if a place is offered.

If false or misleading information is used to gain entry to the academy, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

Nursery education is not statutory and children in the nursery school class, cannot therefore, be guaranteed a place in the reception class. Parents will need to apply for a place in the reception class of the academy on their local authority common application form if they wish their child to be considered for a place. All applicants will be considered as per the admission criteria (clause 6).

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6. Procedures where the primary school at Haberdashers' Crayford Primary is oversubscribed

Haberdashers' Crayford Primary has a provision for children with a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan (Autistic Spectrum Disorder).

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, and after the admission of pupils with statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan (EHCP) here the academy is named in the statement/EHC; priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order: -

- a) A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is looked after by a local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions, in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the date of the relevant application for admission is made.
- b) Pupils for whom it is essential to be admitted to Haberdashers' Crayford Primary because of special circumstances to do with significant medical or social needs. The application will need to be supported by a letter from a hospital consultant, social worker or similar professional. "The information should demonstrate why Haberdashers' Crayford Primary is the only school able to meet the child's specific needs".
- c) Pupils who, on the date of admission, will have an older sibling (i.e. a natural brother or sister, or a half brother or sister, or a legally adopted brother or sister or half brother or sister, or step brother or sister who will be living with them at the same address) on the roll of the academy. Pupils will be considered under this criterion if they have an older sibling who attends Haberdashers' Crayford Primary and who will continue to be on roll when the pupil joins the academy. Proof of the sibling relationship will be required if a place is offered. The sibling criteria is not relevant for students whose siblings attend other academies within the cluster.
- d) The remaining places will be offered to pupils who live nearest to Haberdashers' Crayford Primary on the basis of proximity. Home to academy distance will be measured as the direct line distance between the pupil's home post code and the academy's post code. This will be calculated using <https://www.freemaptools.com/distance-between-uk-postcodes.htm>. If more than one applicant lives in a multi-occupancy building, such as a block of flats, priority will be given to the applicant whose door number is the lowest numerically and/or alphabetically. Proof of residency will be required if a place is offered.

The academy is required to comply with Infant Class Size requirements which means that it can teach no more than 30 infants per school teacher. Our admission number therefore reflects this position. However, if one child of a multiple birth can be accommodated within the published admission number, the academy will accommodate the other child/children as an exception to the Infant Class Size requirement as per the School Admissions code.

If false or misleading information is used to gain entry to the academy, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

7. Tie Break

a) Sibling

If there are more siblings than there are places available, the places will be offered to the siblings living nearest to the academy (clauses 5c, and 6c).

b) Distance

In the event of a tie break under the distance criterion, random allocation will be used.

8. Operation of waiting lists for Haberdashers' Crayford Primary

Haberdashers' Crayford Primary will operate a waiting list where they receive more applications for places than there are places available. Waiting lists will operate from the day after national offer day until 31 December of the new academic year. A position will be allocated on their waiting list to applicants who have not been offered a place by the specified academy or a higher preference from their local authority common application form preferences. Other applicants will be placed onto waiting lists on request. The position of applicants on waiting lists will be determined in accordance with the applicable oversubscription criteria.

A nursery position on the waiting list for either Haberdashers' Crayford Primary will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out in clause 5 for the nursery school.

Applicants who wish to remain on the waiting list for the specified academy after 31 December of the new academic year will need to confirm in writing, to each of the academies for which they are on the waiting list, in order to remain on that waiting list. This will be open for the whole academic year. If more applications are received than there are places available, the oversubscription criteria for each of the nursery and primary school (clauses 5 and 6 respectively shall apply).

9. Arrangements for admitting pupils to other year groups by replacing any pupils who have left Haberdashers' Crayford Primary

Haberdashers' Crayford Primary will consider all applications submitted to it for years other than the normal year of entry. If the year group applied for has a place available, the academy will admit the child unless one of the permitted reliefs applies. If more applications are received than there are places available, the oversubscription criteria for nursery school (clause 5) and primary school (clause 6) shall apply.

10. Admission of children outside their normal age group

Haberdashers' Crayford Primary will consider applications received for a place in a year group that would not be the child's normal age group on a case by case basis. Parents will need to put their request in writing giving a reason for this decision which will then be considered.

11. Coordinated admissions and fair access

Haberdashers' Crayford Primary will participate in Bexley LA's In Year Fair Access Protocol and children may be prioritised over those children on the waiting list for admission under this protocol. The Academy will participate in the Bexley LA in year co-ordinated admissions scheme.

12. Appeals

Where an application to Haberdashers' Crayford Primary is declined, parents are entitled to appeal to an independent appeal panel except when applying to the nursery school

Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary

Slade Green Road, Erith, Kent DA8 2HX
Tel: 01322 402188

Admission Number: 5-11 Provision

For the year 2023/2024 and subject to any changes approved or required by the Secretary of State, for subsequent years, Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary will admit the agreed admission number of 60 pupils (2 form entry) into its reception class each year if sufficient applications are received

Increasing the agreed admission number

In any specific year, the Trust may set a higher admission number than each academy's agreed admission number for an applicable year group without consultation. The Trust will notify the public and the local authority of the admission number for the relevant academic year by publishing their admission number on their website in line with the annual deadline for publishing their admissions arrangements.

Process of application

Applications for nursery places will be made directly to Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary and the timetable will be published yearly.

Applications for reception places should be made to the Local Authority in which the applicant lives. For most applicants this is likely to be the London Borough of Bexley. Applications will be made in accordance with the local authority's co-ordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the common application form (CAF) provided and administered by the relevant Local Authority. The Academy will use the common co-ordinated admissions scheme timetable agreed by the London Borough of Bexley.

Procedures where the nursery is oversubscribed

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, applications for the nursery school will be considered against the criteria set out below, in priority order:

- a) A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is looked after by a local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions, in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the date of the relevant application for admission is made.
- b) Pupils for whom it is essential to be admitted to Haberdashers' Aske's Slade Green Temple Grove because of special circumstances to do with significant medical or social needs. The application will need to be supported by a letter from a hospital consultant, social worker or similar professional. "The information should demonstrate why Haberdashers' Aske's Slade Green Temple Grove is the only school able to meet the child's specific needs".

- c) Pupils who, on the date of admission, will have an older sibling (i.e. a natural brother or sister, or a half brother or sister, or a legally adopted brother or sister or half brother or sister, or step brother or sister who will be living with them at the same address) on the roll at Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary. Pupils will be considered under this criterion if they have a sibling who attends the Academy and who will continue to be on roll when the pupil joins the nursery. Proof of the sibling relationship will be required if a place is offered. The sibling criteria for the nursery school is not relevant for students whose siblings attend other Haberdashers' academies.
- d) The remaining places will be offered to pupils who live nearest to Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary on the basis of proximity. Home to academy distance will be measured as the direct line distance between the pupil's home post code and the Academy's post code. This will be calculated using <https://www.freemaptools.com/distance-between-uk-postcodes.htm>. If more than one applicant lives in a multi-occupancy building, such as a block of flats, priority will be given to the applicant whose door number is the lowest numerically and/or alphabetically. Proof of residency will be required if a place is offered.

If false or misleading information is used to gain entry to the Academy, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

Nursery education is not statutory and children in the nursery school class, cannot therefore, be guaranteed a place in the reception class. Parents will need to apply for a place in the reception class of the Academy on their local authority common application form if they wish their child to be considered for a place. All applicants will be considered as per the admission criteria (clause 6).

Procedures where Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary is oversubscribed

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, and after the admission of pupils with an education, health and care plan (EHCP) where the Academy is named in the EHCP, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order: -

- a) A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is looked after by a local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions, in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the date of the relevant application for admission is made.
- b) Pupils for whom it is essential to be admitted to Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary because of special circumstances to do with significant medical or social needs. The application will need to be supported by a letter from a hospital consultant, social worker or similar professional. "The information should demonstrate why Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary is the only school able to meet the child's specific needs".
- c) Pupils who, on the date of admission, will have an older sibling (i.e. a natural brother or sister, or a half brother or sister, or a legally adopted brother or sister or half brother or sister, or step brother or sister who will be living with them at the same address) on the roll of the Academy. Pupils will be considered under this criterion if they have an older sibling who attends Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary and who will continue to be on roll when the pupil joins the Academy. Proof of the

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sibling relationship will be required if a place is offered. The sibling criteria is not relevant for students whose siblings attend other Haberdashers' academies.

- d.) The remaining places will be offered to pupils who live nearest to Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary on the basis of proximity. Home to academy distance will be measured as the direct line distance between the pupil's home post code and the Academy's post code. This will be calculated using <https://www.freemaptools.com/distance-between-uk-postcodes.htm>. If more than one applicant lives in a multi-occupancy building, such as a block of flats, priority will be given to the applicant whose door number is the lowest numerically and/or alphabetically. Proof of residency will be required if a place is offered.

The academy is required to comply with Infant Class Size requirement which means that it can teach no more than 30 infants per school teacher. Our admission number therefore reflects this position. However, if one child of a multiple birth can be accommodated within the published admission number, the Academy will accommodate the other child/children as an exception to the Infant Class Size requirement as per the School Admissions code.

If false or misleading information is used to gain entry to the Academy, the offer of a place will be withdrawn

Tie Break

a) Sibling

If there are more siblings than there are places available, the places will be offered to the siblings living nearest to the Academy (clauses 5c, and 6c).

b) Distance

In the event of a tie break under the distance criterion random allocation will used..

Operation of waiting lists for the academies within the cluster

The Academy will operate a waiting list where it receives more applications for places than there are places available. Waiting lists for reception places will operate from the day after national offer day until 31 December of the new academic year. A position will be allocated on their waiting list to applicants who have not been offered a place by the specified academy or a higher preference from their local authority common application form preferences. Other applicants will be placed onto waiting lists on request. The position of applicants on waiting lists will be determined in accordance with the applicable oversubscription criteria.

Applicants who wish to remain on the waiting list for Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary after 31 December of the new academic year will need to confirm in writing, in order to remain on that waiting list. This will be open for the whole academic year. If more applications are received than there are places available, the oversubscription criteria for the nursery and reception (clauses 5 and 6 respectively shall apply).

A nursery position on the waiting list for Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out in clause 5 for the nursery school.

Arrangements for admitting pupils to other year groups by replacing any pupils who have left Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary

Haberdashers' Slade Green Temple Primary will consider all applications submitted to it for years other than the normal year of entry. If the year group applied for has a place available, the Academy will admit the child unless one of the permitted reliefs applies. The number of places available in year groups will be determined by the number of classes operating in each year group. If more applications are received than there are places available, the oversubscription criteria for nursery school (clause 5, reception (clause 6).

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary will consider applications received for a place in a year group that would not be the child's normal age group on a case by case basis. Parents will need to put their request in writing giving a reason for this decision which will then be considered.

Coordinated admissions and fair access

Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary will participate in the London Borough of Bexley's In Year Fair Access Protocol and children may be prioritised over those children on the waiting list for admission under this protocol. The Academy will participate in any mandatory in year co-ordinated admissions scheme lawfully established by the London Borough of Bexley

Appeals

Where an application to Haberdashers' Slade Green Primary is declined, parents are entitled to appeal to an independent appeal panel except when applying to the nursery school.

Admission of children below compulsory school age and deferred entry

In accordance with the requirements of the admissions code, if a child below compulsory school age has been offered a reception place at the school then:

- They are entitled to a full-time reception place in the September following their fourth birthday
- Their parents can defer the date the child is admitted until later in the school year, but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age or beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made.
- Their parents can have the child attend part-time until later in the school year, but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age

Parents are strongly encouraged to take up places offered from the start of the academic year in September to support their child's integration into the reception class. Any parents considering a deferred entry should contact the Principal at the earliest opportunity to discuss this.

Harris Garrard Academy

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Primary school oversubscription criteria

Where the number of applications for admission to the primary school exceeds the published admission number, and after allocating places to children with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the Academy is named in the Plan, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the following criteria in order of priority set out below:

- 1) A looked after child or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements order or special guardianship order.

A looked after child is defined as a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions.

- 2) Siblings of students currently on roll at the Academy, whether primary, secondary or both. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters who will be living with them at the same address on the date of admission to the Academy.
- 3) Other children by distance from the school, with priority for admission given to children who live nearest to the school. The Academy commissions the London Borough of Bexley to measure distances on its behalf. Home to school distances will be measured by radial distance (straight line) from the intersection of the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) co-ordinates of the home address to the nearest official school entrance.

In the event of a tie-break in respect of criteria 3 above, random allocation will be used to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and the school is the same. This process will be independently verified.

Offers of places will be made in writing direct to parents by the local authority.

Any application for school places outside the normal admissions round, i.e. for places in-year, should be made direct to the primary section of the Academy.

Waiting lists for primary and secondary schools

Where applications exceed places, waiting lists will operate for Reception for the primary school and

Year 7 for the secondary school. The lists will operate from the day after the national offer day until

30 September of the new academic year. The ranked order of the waiting list will be set out in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

Secondary applicants will remain on a waiting list within their band and when vacancies arise within each band a place will be offered from the same band's waiting list. Applicants who did not take the banding test will be placed on the waiting list below those who did sit the test and ranked in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

After 30 September applicants to Reception or Year 7 need to confirm in writing that they wish to remain on the waiting list and this will be maintained by the Academy for the remainder of the academic year. Banding will now not apply to the Year 7 list and it will be open to all applicants in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

When a place becomes available the next applicant on the list will be offered a place. Whenever a new applicant asks to be added to the waiting list the order of the waiting list will be adjusted applying the oversubscription criteria to all the applicants now on the list.

Arrangements for admitting students to all year groups outside the normal admissions round (in-year applications)

In-year applications should be made directly to the Academy by obtaining and completing an Academy Application Form at any time throughout the academic year. The application will be considered in line with this policy, the School Admissions Code and any other legal requirements on funding or otherwise, for example post 16. If a place is available in the relevant year group, the child will be admitted. Where there are no places, the opportunity will be offered to be placed on a waiting list.

The Academy will operate a waiting list for each year group which is full and it will maintain the ranked order in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Positions on these lists are subject to change in the event of new applications being made throughout the academic year. The list will be operated for the remainder of the academic year that the application was made. If a place is still required for the subsequent year group in the following September then a new application should be made.

The Academy will participate in the Bexley Fair Access Protocol (FAP) and will give priority to a child allocated via FAP over children on the waiting list for that particular year group if it should be full.

Appeals

Parents have the right to appeal a decision made by the Academy not to admit their child. In such cases parents should forward their appeal in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the Academy address within 20 school days of hearing that their child has not been allocated a place. An independent appeals panel will then listen to the case and inform parents and the Academy of their decision.

This right of appeal does not apply if their child is not offered a place at the Academy if the preferred year group is not the peer year group of the child, based on their age.

Admissions of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted to a year group outside their normal age range, for instance where the child is gifted or talented or where a child has suffered from particular social or medical issues impacting his or her schooling. All such requests will be considered on their merits and either agreed or refused, on that basis. If a request is refused, the child will still be considered for admission to their normal age group.

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The process for requesting such an admission is as follows:

With the application, parents should request that the child is admitted to another year group (state which one), and the reasons for that request. Parents will submit any evidence in support of their case with the application, for instance from a medical practitioner; head teacher etc. Some of the evidence a parent might submit could include:

- whether the child is 'summer born' and is seeking admission to a year group other than reception (or is seeking admission to reception rather than year 1);
- information about the child's academic, social and emotional development;
- where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional;
- whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and
- whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely.

The school will consider each case on its merits, taking into account the individual circumstances of the request and the child's best interests. We will also ensure the parent is aware of whether the request for admission out of age group has been agreed before final offers are made, and the reason for any refusal. Requests for admission out of the normal year group will be considered alongside other applications made at the same time. An application from a child who would 'normally' be a year 1 child.

Hillsgrove Primary School

Sidmouth Road, Welling DA16 1DR Tel: 020 8303 4949

Admissions Policy 2023/24

Hillsgrove Primary School is part of the Amadeus Primary Academy Trust. The Governing Body is responsible for decisions on admissions to the school.

Children born from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 will be admitted to Reception classes in September 2023/24. The number of Reception places for the academic year 2023/2024 will be 60.

The school will admit pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school, where the school has agreed that it can meet the child's needs.

There will be one admission date for all reception children in September 2023.

Where there are fewer applicants than the number of places, all will be admitted. Where there are more applicants than places available, the school will apply the following oversubscription criteria, in this order:

1. Children in public care (looked after children) or children who were previously in public care immediately before being adopted or subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.
2. Children with a medical need that makes it essential for the child to attend Hillsgrove Primary School. Evidence of the medical condition must be submitted at the time of

application. An opinion may be sought from a medical adviser before a place is awarded.

3. Siblings of children who will be attending Hillsgrove Primary School at the time the child is due for admission to the school. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year. For this priority, brother or sister includes a full brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or step/ half brother or sister living at the same address.

Where in an allocation of places, children who are twin, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority.

4. Children whose parent or sibling has a medical condition, or where there are significant social or domestic circumstances, that would result in significant hardship if the child did not attend Hillsgrove Primary School. Evidence must be submitted at the time of application. An opinion may be sought from a medical adviser or other professional before a place is awarded.
5. Children living closest to the school, based on the distance measured as a straight line from the home address to the nearest pupil entrance. Measurements will be provided by the London Borough of Bexley in accordance with its home to school distance measuring policy.

Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or legal guardian who is also the main carer; defined as the parent eligible to receive child benefit and child tax credit, at the time of application.

A waiting list will be kept by the Governors of applicants who are refused admission due to oversubscription. When places become available, they will be offered in the sequence of the criteria above. The waiting list will be kept until the start of the autumn term 2023.

Parents have the right to appeal against any refusal by the Governors to admit their child. Details of the appeals procedure can be obtained by contacting the school office.

Admission outside the normal age group

Parents of a summer born child who choose not to send their child to school until the September following their 5th birthday may request that the school considers them to be admitted out of their normal age group – to Reception rather than Year 1.

Parents should submit their application for their child's normal age group at the usual time and include their request for the school to consider their child's admission out of the normal age group at the same time. Any available supporting evidence such as medical reports or other professional evidence should be provided in order to assist the Governors with their decision. Parents will be informed of the outcome of their request before the national offer day.

If the parents' request is agreed, their application for the normal age group will be withdrawn and parents must make a new application as part of the main admissions round the following year.

If the parents' request is refused, they must decide whether to accept an offer for the normal age group, or refuse it and make an in-year application to Year 1 for the September following their child's 5th birthday.

Requests for admission to other year groups outside the normal age group should be made direct to the school.

Holy Trinity Lamorbey CE Primary School

Burnt Oak Lane, Sidcup, Kent DA15 9DB Tel: 020 8300 3613

Admissions Policy 2023/24

Reception to Year 6 Admissions Criteria

The Governing Body intends to admit 60 children into Reception in the Academic year 2023/2024. Applications may be made in respect of children whose fifth birthday falls between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, inclusive.

A Single Point of Entry will be operated whereby such children will preferably start in the Reception classes in September. However, parents will still have the option for their child to start in January. Children will normally be admitted in the September before their fifth birthday.

Parents of summer-born children may wish to request that their child is not admitted into the normal age group. This means that they may wish for their child to be admitted to Reception, rather than Year 1, following their fifth birthday.

If this is the case, parents will need to present information to the school regarding their child's educational, emotional or social development. This may also include relevant medical needs, for example if the child was born prematurely. The child may also have been previously educated out of normal year group.

The school will carefully consider such requests and will outline its decision in writing, taking into account all the factors outlined above. Each case will be considered on an individual basis.

Criteria for Admissions

If a child has an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan that names Holy Trinity Lamorbey school, the child will be admitted to the school.

After places have been allocated for children with an appropriate EHC Plan, should there be fewer applications than the number of places remaining available, every child will be offered a place. However, should the school receive more applications than there are places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied in order:

1. Children in Public Care. (See note A)
2. Children with a sibling in the main school at the time of admission. (See note B)
3. Children whose parents reside within the parish of Holy Trinity Lamorbey and frequently attend religious services at an Anglican Communion Church. (See notes C, D, E and F)
4. Children whose parents frequently attend religious services at an Anglican Communion Church. (See notes C, D, E and F)
5. Children whose parents frequently attend religious services at a church which is a member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (which includes the Roman Catholic Church) or of the Evangelical Alliance or of the Porvoo Communion or of the World Evangelical Alliance. (See notes C, D, E and F)
6. Children whose parents attend religious services at any of the

churches of criterion 5 and are growing in the Christian faith by attending services, church fellowship groups or discipleship courses, e.g. Alpha meetings, for a period of at least six months. (See notes C, D and F)

7. Children, or one or both parents, with a medical condition or registered disability which would cause significant hardship if the child could not attend the school. (See notes C and G)
8. Children from other faiths whose parents are in sympathy with the ethos and aims of the school and whose application is supported by a Religious Leader of their religion. (See notes C, D and F)
9. Other children.

Notes – Please Read Carefully:

- (A) Children in Public Care means children who are looked after by a Local Authority in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989 (or any child who was previously in the care of the Local Authority and who is now adopted, subject of a Residence Order or Special Guardianship Order).
- (B) Sibling means brother or sister; half brother or sister; adopted brother or sister; step brother or sister; or the child of the parent's partner or of the carer or the carer's partner; and in every case who is living in the same family unit at the same address as the child for whom the school place is sought.
- (C) Parent means any person who has parental responsibility for the child, and includes a legal guardian of the child and a person with whom the child is living under a residence order. Where admission arrangements refer to parents' attendance at church, it is sufficient for just one parent to attend.
- (D) A Clerical Reference will be required in support of applications for a Faith place under any of criteria 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8. It is the responsibility of the parents to obtain a reference from the Religious Leader to confirm the parents' frequency in attending religious services.
- (E) For the purpose of this policy, the term 'Frequent' to be taken as meaning at least twice a month over a period of twelve months.
- (F) If you have recently moved into the area and are unable to obtain a clerical reference from a local Religious Leader, please refer back to the church you attended at your previous address.
- (G) Evidence from a professional medical practitioner or evidence of a registered disability will be required to support an application under criterion 7. Governors may seek advice from an independent medical adviser.

Please note the following information:

If distinctions have to be made between children in a single category they will be made on the grounds of distance from the school. The nearness of a child's home to the school is the deciding factor. This is based on the proximity to the school measured by a straight line from home to school main entrance.

Under the Primary School Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme, parents need to complete the Primary Local Authority Common Application Form (PCAF); this form should be completed online via the Bexley website. The attached (lilac) Holy Trinity Lamorbey Clerical Reference form need only be completed where applicable; this form must be returned to HTL no later than 15 January 2023. The application period is 1 September 2022 to 15 January 2023.

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Any application received after the published closing date will be treated as 'late' and processed after those received during the application period.

Governors will consider applications in accordance with Local Authority Co-ordinated admissions scheme and parents will be notified of the Governors' decision by the Local Authority on 17 April 2023.

Parents will be required to return a slip to the school accepting or declining the offer of a place by 2 May 2023.

Admissions during the year and outside the normal round.

Admission of children moving into the area or transferring from another school in year and outside of the normal admissions round will be considered by Governors having regard to the admissions policy stated above and according to whether places are available in the appropriate year group.

Hook Lane Primary School

Faraday Road, Welling DA16 2ET Tel 020 8303 3839

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After the admission of pupils with a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan naming the school, if there are more applicants than places available priority will be given in the following order to:

- (1) Looked after children and previously looked after children who have been adopted or become subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order; immediately following having been looked after: '

Looked after children' are (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). 'Previously looked after children' are children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order. These definitions are set nationally, by the Department for Education.
- (2) Children who have a sibling (brother or sister) living at the same address who will be attending the school at the time of the child's admission.

This does not include siblings attending a school's nursery provision. 'Siblings' are defined as [definition lifted as a quotation from the Local Authority's admissions information for maintained schools]. The sibling must be at the school at the point of proposed admission. Note – this definition is the one used by the Local Authority in relation to admissions to schools that they maintain – Maritime schools adopt the same definition to avoid any confusion and keep arrangements as simple as possible for local parents and carers.
- (3) Children or their immediate family member with an acute medical or social need for a particular school.

The application must be supported by a letter written by a hospital consultant, GP or social worker, setting out the reasons why the school is the only one to meet the child's needs and the implications if the child did not obtain a place at the school.

- (4) Children of staff members who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. This option is only available for staff with a permanent contract to work at the school (and not employees in the Maritime central team); it will be subject to confirmation by a Maritime Trust Board nonexecutive that on the evidence available, the post does indeed relate to a skills shortage in the area. This is compliant with the statutory School Admissions Code.
- (5) Other children based on home to school distance. Distance from home to school is measured as a straight line from the centre of the home address to the centre of the school site. If more than one applicant lives in a multi-occupancy building (e.g. flats) priority will be given to the applicant whose door number is the lowest numerically and/or alphabetically. In the event that two or more applicants have equal right to a place under any of the above criteria, priority will be given to those who live nearest to the school.

Should two applicants live an equal distance from the school, the offer of a place will be decided by random allocation. If the last child to be offered a place is a twin or sibling from a multiple birth, the twin or multiple birth siblings will also be offered a place(s) as an excepted pupil.

The home address is considered to be where the child resides as their only or principal residence. Proof of liability for Council Tax will be required. If the child resides equally between both parents, the principal home address will be considered as being the address at which the child is registered whilst attending early years provision, with a GP and, if applicable, the address of the parent who is in receipt of Child Benefit or Child Tax Credits for the child. For children who reside with a relative or carer other than a parent, a court order will be required.

In establishing the principal home address we reserve the right to ask for further information (such as proof of the tenancy period) and to check records held within the Council and with external agencies. If a false address is given and an offer of a school place is made on the basis of that address, we reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a school place at any stage during the primary admissions process.

Applicants applying under the distance criterion will not be considered for places at the site furthest from their home address.

Point of Admission

All Maritime Academy Trust Schools have a single point of entry and admit children in September. Parents and carers may defer entry until the term following the child's fifth birthday. If the child's entry is deferred, the school must hold the reception place and not offer it to another child.

Co-ordinated Admissions

All Maritime Academy Trust Schools within Greater London will participate in the Pan-London Primary Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme.

Waiting Lists

Waiting lists are maintained by the Local Authority in the same order as the published admission criteria. Priority is not given on the basis of when a child's name was added to the list or whether Page 5 of 6 an offer of an alternative school has been accepted. Waiting lists are maintained for the entire academic year.

Late Applications

All applications received by the Local Authority after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. These will be considered after those received on time. If all available places are allocated to children whose applications were received on time, parents or carers who have made a late application may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

Deferred entry for Reception places

Parents/carers offered a place in Reception for their child have a right to defer the date their child takes up the place, or to take the place up part-time, until the child reaches compulsory school age. Children reach compulsory school age on 31 August, 31 December or 31 March – whichever of those three dates follows (or falls on) the child's 5th birthday.

Places cannot be deferred beyond the beginning of the summer term of the school year for which the offer was made.

Admission of Children Outside their Normal Age Group, including for 'summer-born' children

Parents or carers may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so, they should include a written request with their application, setting out the year group in which they wish their child to be allocated a place and the reasons for their request.

When such a request is made, the Headteacher will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case, based on their professional judgment of what is in the best interest of the child, taking account of the evidence and rationale provided by the parents/carers.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Appellants should contact Hook Lane Primary School for information on how to appeal.

The appeals process is run in accordance with the statutory processes and timescales set out in the School Admissions Appeals Code.

Hope Community School

167 Rectory Lane, Sidcup DA14 5BU Tel: 020 3223 2000

Admissions Policy 2023/24

1. Introductory statement

This document sets out the admission arrangements for Hope Community School (HCS) for entry in 2023/24.

Hope Community School, Sidcup, is a one form entry Primary School at the heart of the community. We work with families to increase children's aspirations, encourage adventure and maximise each child's talents and gifts. We want to inspire children to be people who not only value their community but also have the desire, ability and tools to transform and enrich it through innovation and aspirational visions.

We want children to enjoy and achieve their full potential at school. No matter what their ability, ethnicity or background,

each child should thrive throughout their education.

Hope Community School is a school of Christian Designation. The school seeks to be an inclusive school expressing a twenty-first century Christian ethos welcoming children and families of all faiths and no faith and drawing together a wide range of people from different backgrounds to work towards the good of the whole community.

At HCS we understand how important the choice of school for your child is for you, and we want to do everything we can to support you and give you all relevant and helpful information, so please do contact us for clarification if you require this.

Compliance with the Schools Admissions Code 2014

Hope Community School will comply with the School Admissions Code 2014 to ensure the admissions arrangements are fair, clear and objective. HCS will make sure that all communication is targeted and accessible to all in our community, including the hard to reach, and those requiring information in additional languages.

2. Admission number(s)

HCS will admit 30 pupils to Reception in 2022/2023. This admission number relates to the year group of normal entry to HCS (Reception). Once admitted to HCS pupils will automatically transfer from one key stage to another.

HCS will accordingly admit this number of pupils each year if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number for the relevant year group are received the Academy Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied. For how to apply please see point 11; Timeline for Applications.

3. Oversubscription criteria

When the academy/free school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. **Looked after and previously looked after children:** A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

A previously looked-after child is a child who was looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, this includes children adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children's Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders). Children subject to a special guardianship order or child arrangements order immediately after being looked after are considered to be previously looked after children.

Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

Child arrangements orders are defined in s.8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by s.12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders determine a) with whom a child is to live, spend time or otherwise have contact, and (b) when a child is to live, spend time or otherwise have contact with any person. They replace residence orders and

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any residence order in force immediately after the child was in care is deemed to be a child arrangements order.

- 2. Faith based places:** As a school designated as having a Religious Character, up to 20% of places (6) will be allocated on the basis of the Christian faith¹ according to the following

¹ For admission purposes, an applicant is considered to be a Christian if they are practising Christians who regularly attend church. See Supplementary Information Form for further explanation of faith based criteria.

2 As confirmed by completion of Supplementary Information Form completed by parent/carer and signed by Church leader.

3 When we use the term siblings we mean: children with a sibling (the term "sibling" means a full, half, adopted or fostered brother or sister, or other child living permanently within the same household) on roll at Hope Community School at the closing date for application.

4 Measurements of home to school distance are provided by Bexley Council's School Admissions Team. Since 2016, all primary schools measure home to school distance as a straight line. Home to school distances are measured by the Council's GIS system using the intersection of the geographical grid co-ordinates (known as eastings and northings) supplied by the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG), or equivalent database, for the home address and for the nearest school entrance approved by the Governors as an official entrance, the measurement will be taken from the intersection of the NLPG co-ordinates of the home address to the nearest official school entrance. The system measures in miles and is accurate to three decimal points. The home address will be taken as the child's home address will be taken as the child's home address on 15th January 2022, unless there is a qualifying change of address by 15th February 2022. It must be the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer; i.e., the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and Child Tax Credit.

Children whose parents/carers are regular attenders of New Generation Church, Sidcup²;

2a. who already have a sibling³ on roll,

2b. with exceptional medical, social or welfare needs which means the child must, because of those needs, attend the school. Appropriate evidence from a doctor or social worker must be provided.

2c. living closest (using Bexley Council's definition of straight line distance⁴.)

Then, if the 20% faith based places (6) are not filled in criteria 2a to 2c, the remaining faith based places will be open to:

Children whose parents/carers are regular attenders of a Churches Together in England and/or Evangelical Alliance Church²;

2d. who already have a sibling³ on roll

2e. with exceptional medical or social needs which means the child must, because of those needs, attend the school. Appropriate evidence from a doctor or social worker must be provided.

2f. living closest (using the Council's definition of straight line distance⁴).

If more children apply under faith based criteria than places available, those not successful in gaining a faith based place will be considered under 'open places' alongside other applicants without the school taking any account of faith.

- 3. Open places (all remaining places):**

3a. Siblings³

3b. Children with exceptional medical or social needs which means the child must, because of those needs, attend the school. Appropriate evidence from a doctor, social worker etc. must be provided.

3c. Children living closest (using the Council's definition of straight line distance⁴.)

- 4. Tie-break**

In the event of a 'tie-break' situation (i.e. if home to school distance is equal, for example two children living in the same block of flats or in the same house) a rank order will be determined by HCS and a method of random selection will be used. This process will be independently verified. However, if children of multiple birth (twins and triplets) are tied for the final place, those siblings will be admitted over PAN as permitted by infant class size rules.

- 5. Reception age children**

Parents offered a place can defer entry until the start of the term within the academic year that their child reaches compulsory school age, or

Can take up the place part-time until the start of the term within the academic year in which their child reaches compulsory school age. The pattern of attendance must be agreed with the school and be beneficial to the child.

Places cannot be deferred until the next academic year. Children become of compulsory school age on the first prescribed day following their 5th birthday: 31 August, 31 December or 31 March, or on that day if any of these dates are the child's birthday.

Parents of a summer-born child may choose not to send their child to school until he or she reaches compulsory school age (the September following their fifth birthday) and may request that they are admitted to Reception rather than Year 1 (see section 6 below). Parents should note that Year 1 is not a normal point of entry and places will, therefore, likely be limited.

- 6. Admission of children outside their normal year group**

Parents may request that their child is admitted out of year group for example if the child is gifted and talented, has experienced problems such as ill health or because they are a summer-born child of compulsory school age who their parents wish to be admitted to reception rather than year 1. Parents/carers wishing to request consideration for a place outside their child's normal year group should contact the Admissions Authority, which is New Generation Schools Trust. Further detail is available on our website www.hopcommunityschool.org.

Decisions will be made in the best interests of the child taking into account the views of the parents/carers and Principal as well as any evidence from health/social care professionals.

If accepted, such an application will be treated in exactly the same manner as all applications, and will be subject to the oversubscription criteria and waiting list arrangements as detailed in this policy. Parents have the right of appeal against the refusal of a place at the school, but have no right of appeal against the refusal of a place in a particular year group. If the child has priority for admission we may agree to admit them into an older or younger year group, or offer a place in the normal year group.

7. Infant class size limit

Infant classes (i.e. those where the majority of children are 5, 6 or 7) must not be larger than 30 pupils to a teacher. If twins, triplets or children of other multiple births are tied for the last place, they will all be admitted and will be classed as exceptions to the infant class size limit until they leave Year 2 or until the class size reduces to 30 or below.

8. Late applications

All applications received by the school after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time have been processed and offers made to them. If, following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, children will be automatically placed on the school's waiting list. Parents/carers can request to not be placed on this list.

9. In-year admissions

All in-year applications should be made to Bexley Council, who will inform HCS of the application. In-year applications will be considered using the same criteria as those used for Reception places.

10. Waiting lists

HCS will operate a waiting list for each year group. Where in any year the academy/free school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the academic year. This will be maintained by New Generation Schools Trust and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. If all faith-based places are full, then only non-faith based criteria will be used.

Waiting lists will be re-ordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever a child joins or leaves the waiting list.

11. Appeals

Applicants who are not offered a place at HCS will be given a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code (DfE, 1st February 2012).

Appellants should contact the School for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on our website at www.hopecommunityschool.org

NOTES

- For admission purposes, an applicant is considered to be a Christian if they are practising Christians who regularly attend church. See Supplementary Information Form for further explanation of faith based criteria.
- As confirmed by completion of Supplementary Information Form completed by parent/carer and signed by Church leader.
- When we use the term siblings we mean: children with a sibling (the term "sibling" means a full, half, adopted or fostered brother or sister, or other child living permanently within the same household) on roll at Hope Community School at the closing date for application.

- Measurements of home to school distance are provided by Bexley Council's School Admissions Team. Since 2016, all primary schools measure home to school distance as a straight line. Home to school distances are measured by the Council's GIS system using the intersection of the geographical grid co-ordinates (known as eastings and northings) supplied by the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG), or equivalent database, for the home address and for the nearest school entrance approved by the Governors as an official entrance, the measurement will be taken from the intersection of the NLPG co-ordinates of the home address to the nearest official school entrance. The system measures in miles and is accurate to three decimal points. The home address will be taken as the child's home address will be taken as the child's home address on 15th March 2023, unless there is a qualifying change of address by 15th April 2023. It must be the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian who is the main carer, i.e., the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and Child Tax Credit.
- Parents/carers have 20 school days from the date of notification that their application was unsuccessful to lodge an appeal.

Hurst Primary School

Dorchester Avenue, Bexley DA5 3AJ Tel: 020 8303 2688

Admissions Policy 2023/24

Hurst Primary School is an Academy. The Governing Body is responsible for decisions on admissions to the school.

Children born from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 will be admitted to Reception classes in September 2023. The number of Reception places for the academic year 2023/2024 will be 90 which is the Published Admission Number for the

school. Parents have the right to defer their child's start at school, or to request part time education. This must be discussed with the school where a place has been allocated before making a final decision.

Children born between 1 April and 31 August are referred to as 'summer born'. Parents can request that summer born children start school in a Reception class in the September after their fifth birthday (ie with children who are a year younger), if there is clear evidence that the child is not ready to start primary school at the normal time. The decision on whether to delay entry to school will be made by the admission authority for the school (ie the Governing Body). All supporting evidence and views will be taken into account, but the admission authority is not obliged to agree to the request. There is no right of appeal against a decision not to admit a child into a year group lower than normal. If a request is not agreed, summer born children would go straight into Year 1 if they had not started school during the academic year when they became five years old.

Applications should be made on the home Local Authority's primary common application form and submitted by the closing date of 15 January 2023. Parents living in Bexley are encouraged to apply online using the link e-Admissions.

Parents can also collect a paper application form from any primary school in Bexley or from Councils Offices. They can apply for up to six schools, i.e., whether in Bexley or other areas.

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Parents who do not live in Bexley should apply through their home local authority. They can list schools in Bexley on their form.

If the application is late, it will not be dealt with until all on time applications have been processed and it may not be possible to offer a place at Hurst Primary School.

Where there are fewer applicants than places available all will be admitted. Where there are more applicants than places available, the school will apply the following oversubscription criteria, in this order:

1. Children in public care (looked after children) or children who were previously in public care immediately before being adopted or subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.
2. Children, parent, sibling or legal guardian with a medical condition or disability, that would result in significant hardship if the child did not attend Hurst Primary School. An opinion may be sought from a medical adviser or other professional before a place is awarded.

Requests for this priority must be made with supporting evidence at the time of application.

Later requests will be considered only if the medical condition occurs after the closing date for applications. Medical conditions, consequential from a failure to obtain a place at Hurst Primary School for example distress (whether or not leading to a recognised medical condition), do not fall within this priority.

3. Siblings of children who will be attending Hurst Primary School at the time the child is due for admission to the school. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year. For this priority, brother or sister includes a full brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or step/ half brother or sister living at the same address.

Where in an allocation of places, children who are twin, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority.

4. In order to recruit and retain high quality staff, children with a parent or legal guardian employed at Hurst Primary School on a permanent basis at the time of application will be awarded this priority in either or both of the following circumstances:
 - a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage

Where there are more applications than places that fall into the above four priority categories, then distinctions will be made between applications by home to school distance measured in accordance with the London Borough of Bexley and the Academy's policy on home to school distance measurement, and higher priority will be given to those living closest to the school applied for.

5. Children living closest to the school, based on the distance measured as a straight line from the home address to the nearest pupil entrance. Measurements will be provided by the London Borough of Bexley in accordance with its home to school distance measuring policy.

Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or legal guardian who is also the main carer, defined as the parent eligible to receive child benefit and child tax credit, at the time of application.

The school's Published Admission Number (PAN) is 90 and is adhered to at all times. A waiting list will be kept by the Governors of applicants who are refused admission due to oversubscription. When places become available, they will be offered in the sequence of the criteria above. The waiting list will be kept until the start of the autumn term 2023.

Parents or legal guardians have the right to appeal against any refusal by the Governors to admit their child. Any appeal for a school place that would break the PAN is referred to an independent appeal panel. Details of the appeals procedure can be obtained by contacting the school office.

Tie breaker: Where one or more applicants live exactly the same distance from the school applied for and all would qualify for the last available place, the allocation of the last place will be made by drawing lots. The drawing of lots will be witnessed by an independent adjudicator. The first child drawn will be offered the place, and the remaining children placed on the waiting list in the order of the draw.

Admissions during the year and outside the normal round

Admission of children moving into the area or transferring from another school in year and outside the normal admissions round will be considered by Governors having regard to the admissions policy stated above and according to whether places are available in the appropriate year group.

A waiting list will be kept by the Governors of applicants who are refused admission due to oversubscription. When places become available, they will be offered in the sequence of the oversubscription criteria above.

Parents or legal guardians have the right to appeal against any refusal by the Governors to admit their child. Details of the appeals procedure can be obtained by contacting the school office.

Requests for Admission outside the Normal Age Range

Requests for in year admission to a higher or lower age group will be considered by Governors. They will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned. However, the school is not obliged to agree the request, and there is no right of appeal against the school's decision. Request should be made in writing to the school at the normal time of application for their age group.

Jubilee Primary School

Crowden Way, London, SE28 8JB Tel: 020 8310 2933

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Reception

As Jubilee is a member school of Trinitas Academy Trust, it is a named feeder school for Trinity C of E Secondary School, Belvedere. This means that children attending Jubilee are given high priority, irrespective of faith, when applying for a place at Trinity C of E Secondary School, Belvedere.

The published admission number for the school is 30; therefore the Governing Body will offer up to 60 pupils a place in our Reception class in the academic year 2023-24.

Children are admitted to the Reception class in the school year in which they have their fifth birthday. All pupils born from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 can start in a Reception class in September 2023. Compulsory school age is the beginning of the school term after the child's fifth birthday. Parents / guardians of Reception age children have the right to deferment of entry or to take the place up part time, until the term in which the child reaches compulsory school age.

Parents / guardians of gifted and talented children, or of children who have experienced problems or missed part of a year, for example due to ill health, can seek places outside their normal age group. In addition, the parents / guardians of a summer born child may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to Reception rather than Year 1. Parents / guardians should write, in the first instance, to the Principal, explaining their reasons.

It is not an automatic right to choose this option and decisions will be made by the admission authority on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. To determine this the following will be taken into account: the parent's / guardian's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. The views of the Principal of the school will also be taken into account. When informing a parent of their decision on the year group the child should be admitted to, the admission authority will set out clearly the reasons for the decision.

Where the admission authority agrees to a parent's / guardian's request for their child to be admitted out of their normal age group and, as a consequence of that decision, the child will be admitted to a relevant age group (i.e. the age group to which pupils are normally admitted to the school) the local authority and admission authority will process the application as part of the main admissions round, unless the parental request is made too late for this to be possible, and on the basis of their determined admission arrangements only, including the application of oversubscription criteria where applicable. They will not give the application lower priority on the basis that the child is being admitted out of their normal age group. Parents / guardians have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. This right does not apply if they are offered a place at the school but it is not in their preferred age group.

Applications for admission are welcomed from all parents / guardians, however, parents / guardians must note that evidence is needed for some admission criteria should the school receive more than 30 applications. The Governing Body is required to abide by the maximum limit of 30 pupils per class for infant classes (5, 6 and 7 year olds).

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an EHC plan which names the school are given priority before the criteria are applied.

Nursery

The published admission number for the Nursery is 52 part-time places (26 full-time equivalent). However, in order to accommodate requests from working parents who are eligible for 30 hours free childcare per week, a combination of 36 part-time and 8 full-time places will be offered (For further information, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>). Such requests will be subject to negotiation and the number of places available; therefore, the Governing Body will offer a combination of part-time and full-time places up to a maximum of 52 part-time places or full-time equivalent. Please contact the school directly for further information regarding our possible extended provision.

Children are admitted to Nursery when they are 3 or 4 years old, in the year before they are due to start Reception. All pupils born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 can start in Nursery in September 2023.

Please note that attending the Nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception.

Application Procedures and Timetable

Parents / guardians will be required to complete the Common Application Form available from their Home Authority. The CAF will be available online, or from any Primary School or the School Admissions Team at their Home Authority from 1st September 2022. Parents / guardians may express up to six preferences for primary schools on the CAF. To be treated as "on time" the CAF must be returned to the school shown as the first preference, with documenting evidence of address and child's date of birth, by 15th January 2023.

In addition to the CAF supplied by the Home Authority, the **Supplementary Information Form** available from the school must be completed and sent to the School Secretary not later than the closing date published by the Home Authority. If parents / guardians do not complete and return the **Supplementary Information Form** to the school by the closing date set for the return of the CAF, the application will be considered under oversubscription criterion 3 (if they have siblings in the school) or 4 (if they do not have siblings in the school).

For Nursery applications, families who live in the borough of Bexley can apply online for the nursery class from 16 January 2023 at www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions to 6 April 2023. Paper application forms will be available on request for Bexley residents who are unable to apply online, and for families living outside the Bexley borough, by emailing schooladmissions@bexley.gov.uk from 16 January 2023. Residents of other boroughs must complete a paper application form, as the online system is only open to Bexley residents. Completed paper application forms should be returned to the school shown as the first preference, or sent by post or taken in person to the School Admissions Team, Civic Offices, 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath DA6 7AT. When applying, parents must include evidence of their address and their child's date of birth.

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Offers of places will be sent to parents on the common offer date as notified by the Home Authority. The national offer day for Reception is 16th April each year. The Bexley Authority offer for Nursery is made on 16th May each year, unless this falls on a weekend in which case it would be the next working day.

Oversubscription Criteria (Reception)

If the school is oversubscribed the following criteria will be applied in order. These oversubscription criteria have been devised in accordance with the School Admissions Code.

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an EHC Plan which names the school are given priority before the criteria are applied.

1. Children in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care, defined as children under the age of 18 years for whom the local authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or who ceased to be so because they became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order under Part IV of the Act.
 2. Children of members of Trinitas Academy Trust staff in either or both of the following circumstances:
 - Where the member of staff has been employed by the Trust for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made,
- and/or
- The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
3. Children who have siblings in the school at the time of admission. If oversubscription occurs within this category, places will be offered in order of the age of the sibling – youngest first.
 4. Places still available after the previous criteria have been applied, will be offered to children living nearest to the school measured by a straight line from the school gate, which has been approved by the governors, to the child's home address. Distance will be measured using Ordnance Survey address point data as supplied by the Local Authority. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

Notes

- A: Where a distinction has to be made within the above categories, then the following criteria will be used to determine priority within each category:
- a. Children who have siblings in the main school at the time of admission for subscription criteria 1 and 2. If oversubscription occurs within this category, places will be offered in order of the age of the sibling – youngest first.
 - b. Those living nearest to the school measured by a straight line from the school gate, which has been approved by the governors, to the child's home address.
- B: For the purpose of this criterion, a 'sibling' is a child who lives at the same address as the child for whom a place is being requested, and is one of the following:
- The brother or sister
 - The half-brother or half-sister
 - The step-brother or step-sister (i.e. related by parent's marriage)
 - Any other child for whom it can be demonstrated that he/

she is residing permanently at the same address (e.g. under the terms of a residence order or Foster-care plan).

- C: The home address will be taken as the child's home address on 15th January 2023, unless there is a qualifying change of address by 9th February 2023. It must be the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian, who is the main carer. Where there are shared responsibilities for the child, and as a consequence the child lives at two different addresses during the week, the home address will be regarded as the one at which the child sleeps for the majority of weekdays

After offers of places have been made, a waiting list is drawn up according to our oversubscription criteria, in accordance with the DfE School Admissions Code - December 2014.

For Nursery applications the home address will be taken as the child's home address on 6th April 2023. Please note that for Nursery places, the London Borough of Bexley prioritises Bexley residents over out of Borough residents.

In year admissions

Applications for in year admissions will be considered by the Governing Body having regard to the Admissions Policy stated above and according to whether places are available in the appropriate year group. If a place cannot be offered at this time, then you may ask us for the reasons and you will be informed of your right of appeal. You will be offered the opportunity of being placed on a waiting list as outlined above.

Appeals

Parents / guardians have the right to appeal if their child is not offered a place at the school. They should do so in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the School, within 14 days of hearing that their child has not been allocated a place. An independent appeals panel will then be convened to hear the appeal.

There is no right of appeal regarding Nursery places.

Lessness Heath Primary School

Erith Road, Belvedere, DA17 6HB Tel: 01322 433290

Admission for Reception September Academic Year 2023

Lessness Heath Primary School is an Academy and is part of The Primary First Trust. The Trust is responsible for decisions on admissions to the school. Applications are made through the London Borough of Bexley's school admissions department. The number of children admitted to the Reception classes will be 90. Pupils are admitted to the school's Reception classes in September following their fourth birthday. Children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 will be admitted in September 2023. The closing date for applications is as per the date set by the London Borough of Bexley admissions team.

The school will admit pupils with statements of special educational need naming the school, where the school has agreed that it can meet that individual child's needs.
www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions.

NOTE: Attendance at the school nursery does not give priority or guarantee a place to the Receptions class at the same school.

Parents must apply for the reception place. 3.1 Requests for Admissions outside the normal age range Parents are entitled to request a place for their child outside of their normal age group. Decisions on requests for admission outside the normal age group will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. In accordance with the School Admissions Code 2021, this will include taking account of:

- Parents' views
- Information about the child's academic, social and emotional development
- Where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional
- Whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group
- Whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely
- The Head Teacher's views

Wherever possible, requests for admission outside a child's normal age group will be processed as part of the main admissions round. They will be considered on the basis of the admission arrangements laid out in this policy, including the oversubscription criteria listed. Applications will not be treated as a lower priority if parents have made a request for a child to be admitted outside the normal age group. Parents will always be informed of the reasons for any decision on the year group a child should be admitted to. Parents do not have a right to appeal if they are offered a place at the school, but it is not in their preferred age group.

Criteria for Admissions

Where there are fewer applicants than the number of places, all will be admitted.

The school must admit all children who have an EHC plan where the school is named. Children with SEND who do not have an EHC plan will be treated equally to all other applicants in the admissions process. This includes children who may need extra support or reasonable adjustments to be made. The details of the school's SEND provision can be found in our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy and SEN Information Report.

Oversubscription Criteria

(OSC) The OSC are reasonable, clear, objective, procedurally fair, and compliant with all relevant legislation. The OSC do not unfairly disadvantage, whether directly or indirectly, any child based on a protected characteristic or economic disadvantage. Where there are more applications than places available, the school will apply the following oversubscription criteria, in this order:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children Children in public care (looked after children) or children who were previously in public care immediately before being adopted or subject to a residence order or special guardianship order. Children adopted outside England, internationally adopted previously looked after children (IAPLAC), are given equal first priority alongside looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Siblings Siblings of children who will be attending Lessness Heath at the time the child is due for admission to the school.

This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year. For this priority, brother or sister includes a full brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or step/ half brother or sister living at the same address. Where in an allocation of places, children who are twin, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority.

3. Hardship This is given where either the disability or medical condition of a parent or sibling or exceptional social or domestic circumstances would result in significant hardship if the child did not attend the school nearest to home, nearest to the place of work of the parent not suffering the condition, or convenient to the family's child-minder. Requests for this priority must be made with supporting evidence at the time of application. Each request will be considered individually by a panel of Governance Partners. The London Borough of Bexley's own medical adviser may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented.
4. Children of Employees of The School Children who live with parents who are employees of the school provided that the employee has been employed by the school for a minimum of 2 years at the date of application or to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable shortage and have a permanent contract.
5. Distance Children living closest to the school, based on the distance measured as a straight line from the home address to the Erith Road entrance. Measurements will be provided by the London Borough of Bexley in accordance with its home to school distance measuring policy. Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or legal guardian who is also the main carer, defined as the parent eligible to receive child benefit and child tax credit, at the time of application.

Where two applications cannot otherwise be separated, the trust will follow a fair, clear and effective 'tie-breaker' procedure. In the event of any of the above criteria being oversubscribed, priority will be given based on distance as described above with those closest being given higher priority. In the unlikely event that two or more children in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the school, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place.

Appeals When the admissions authority (Local Authority/school) informs a parent of a decision to refuse their child a place, they must include the reason why admission was refused; information about the right to appeal, the deadline for lodging an appeal and the contact details for making that appeal. Parents/carers must submit any appeal request by 15th May 2023.

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Lime Wood Primary School

Wheelock Close, Erith, DA8 1JE Tel: xxx

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Lime Wood Primary School is a new school situated in Erith on the Erith Hills quarry development. The unique circular, three storey primary school will play a key part in supporting the local community, and we look forward to welcoming your child on their first day at Lime Wood Primary School.

Below are the admission arrangements for Lime Wood Primary School (LWPS) for entry in 2023-2024 as approved by the Board of Trustees.

We understand how important the choice of school for your child is for you, and we want to do everything we can to support you and give you all relevant and helpful information, so please do contact us for clarification if you require this.

We can offer your child every opportunity to develop into happy and fulfilled adults and pride ourselves on the quality of education that we can offer all of our children with well-resourced and safe learning environments.

Whenever changes to these admission arrangements are proposed (except where the change is an increase to the agreed admission number), the Board of Trustees will publicly consult on these changes.

Admission number(s)

The school has an admission number of 60 for entry in Year R.

The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils into Year R if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year group are received, the Academy Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

Application process

The school will process applications outside the normal Local Authority process for co-ordinating school offers. This means you will need to complete your LA common application form for your other choices of school in addition to a separate application or this school.

Applications for this school should be sent to:

LWPAdmissions@watschools.org.uk

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2023.

Offers will be made on 15th April 2023. If we have not entered into a funding agreement with the Secretary of State opening the school by that date, they will be conditional offers and will be confirmed once we have a signed funding agreement.

The application form can be obtained from the Trust's website: www.woodlandacademytrust.co.uk.

Oversubscription criteria

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan or a Statement of Special Education Needs naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order. 1
2. Priority will next be given to the siblings of pupils attending the school at the time the application is received. 'Sibling' means a natural brother or sister; a half brother or sister; a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister; a stepbrother or sister or other child living in the same household as part of the same family who, in any of these cases, will be living at the same address at the date of their application for a place.
3. Priority will next be given to children based on their exceptional medical or social needs. Each application must include evidence, from a medical specialist or social worker of the child's need and why they must attend this school rather than any other, based on those needs. If evidence is not submitted to the school with the application, a child's medical or social needs cannot be considered. 'Social need' does not include a parent's wish that a child attends the school because of a child's aptitude or ability or because their friends attend the school. 'Medical need' does not include mild medical conditions.
4. Other children: the applicant living closest to the school will have priority (in the event of one or more applicants tying after application of criteria 1-3) and measurement will be on the same basis as set out in the tie-break information below.

Tie-break

If in categories 2- 4 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the school will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child's home to the front gates of the school in a straight line. The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with the doctor. If the residence is not split equally between both parents, then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

Definition

Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children: A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

A previously looked after child means such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

Random allocation undertaken by the Local Authority will be used as a tie-break in categories 2-4 above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the school is equidistant in any two or more cases. Random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc) from the same family tied for the final place. We will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules, and exceed our Published Admission Number (PAN).

Late applications

All applications received by the school after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time. If, following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

Deferred entry for infants

Parents offered a place in reception for their child have a right to defer the date their child is admitted, or to take the place up part-time, until the child reaches compulsory school age. Places cannot be deferred beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made.

Children reach compulsory school age on the prescribed day following their 5th birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 August, 31 December and 31 March.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested.

When such a request is made, the Academy Trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the Head Teacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

Waiting lists

The school will operate a waiting list for each year group. Where the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the first term after the beginning of the school year. This will be maintained by the Academy Trust and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an

independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code. Appellants should contact LWPAdmissions@watschools.org.uk by 15th May 2023 for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on our website at www.woodlandacademytrust.co.uk.

Mayplace Primary School

Woodside Road, Barnehurst, DA7 6EQ Tel: 01322 523256

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Mayplace Primary School is an Academy. The Governing Body is responsible for decisions on admissions to the school.

Children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 can attend Nursery in September 2023 and parents will be able to apply from January to April 2023. Attendance at a school nursery class does not give priority for admission to the Reception class at the same school when your child reaches school age. Nursery applications will be handled by the London Borough of Bexley, in line with their Coordinated Nursery processes.

Children born from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 will be admitted to Reception classes in September 2023. The number of Reception places for the academic year 2023/2024 will be 90.

The closing date for applications is as per the date set by the Bexley admissions team.

The school will admit pupils with statements of special educational need naming the school, where the school has agreed that it can meet that child's needs.

Where there are fewer applicants than the number of places, all will be admitted. Where there are more applicants than places available, the school will apply the following oversubscription criteria, in this order:

1. Children in public care (looked after children) or children who were previously in public care immediately before being adopted or subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.
2. Children with a medical need that makes it essential for the child to attend Mayplace Primary School. Evidence of the medical condition must be submitted at the time of application. An opinion may be sought from a medical adviser before a place is awarded.
3. Siblings of children who will be attending Mayplace Primary School at the time the child is due for admission to the school. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year. For this priority, brother or sister includes a full brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or step/ half brother or sister living at the same address.

Where in an allocation of places, children who are twin, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority.

4. Children whose parent or sibling has a medical condition, or where there are significant social or domestic circumstances, that would result in significant hardship if the child did not

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attend Mayplace Primary School. Evidence must be submitted at the time of application. An opinion may be sought from a medical adviser or other professional before a place is awarded.

5. Children of Staff who are permanently employed by Mayplace at the time of application.
6. Children living closest to the school, based on the distance measured as a straight line from the home address to the nearest pupil entrance. Measurements will be provided by the London Borough of Bexley in accordance with its home to school distance measuring policy.

Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or legal guardian who is also the main carer; defined as the parent eligible to receive child benefit and child tax credit, at the time of application.

A waiting list, which is accessible by the Governors, will be kept by the school of applicants who are refused admission due to oversubscription. When places become available, they will be offered in the sequence of the criteria above. The waiting list will be kept until the start of the Autumn term 2023.

Parents have the right to appeal against any refusal by the Governors to admit their child. Details of the appeals procedure can be obtained by contacting the school office.

Northumberland Heath Primary School

Wheelock Drive, Byron Close, Erith, Kent DA8 1JE
Tel: 01322 334638

Admissions policy 2023/24

Northumberland Heath Primary School is part of The Woodland Academy Trust that is committed to inclusion, diversity and promoting equal opportunity for all. All schools within the Trust share this commitment, providing an inclusive environment. The number of places available is determined by the capacity of the school; the PAN (Pupil Admission Number) for new Reception pupils is 90.

Oversubscription criteria

The Trust board will aim to ensure that oversubscription criteria is reasonable, clear, objective, procedurally fair, and compliant with all relevant legislation, including equalities legislation. This means that the oversubscription criteria will not unfairly disadvantage, whether directly or indirectly, any child based on a protected characteristic or economic disadvantage.

All children whose statement of special educational needs (SEND) or education, health and care (EHC) plan names the school will be admitted before any other places are allocated.

If the school is not oversubscribed, all applicants will be offered a place.

In the event that the school receives more applications than the number of places it has available, places will be given to those children who meet any of the criteria set out below, in order until all places are filled:

1. Highest priority will be given to looked after children and all previously looked after children who apply for a place at the school.
2. Priority will next be given to children with siblings at the school. Siblings include step siblings, foster siblings, adopted siblings and other children living permanently at the same address. Priority will not be given to children with siblings who are former pupils of the school.
3. Priority will next be given to children on the basis of social or medical need. Definition of medical, health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians', physical or mental health or social needs means that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the particular school.
4. We use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school, measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by NLPG. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for the school, these straight-line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school.

Definition

Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children:

A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

A previously looked after child means such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

Tie break

In the case of two or more applications that cannot be separated by the oversubscription criteria outlined above, the school will use the distance between the school and a child's home as a tie breaker to decide between applicants. Priority will be given to children who live closest to the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to the school's front gates. A child's home address will be considered to be where he/she is resident for the majority of nights in a normal school week.

Where the distance between 2 children's homes and the school is the same, random allocation will be used to decide between them. This process will be independently verified.

Northwood Primary School

Northwood Place, Yarnton Way, Erith, DA18 4HN
Tel: 020 8310 2722

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As Northwood is a member school of Trinitas Academy Trust, it is a named **feeder school** for Trinity C of E Secondary School, Belvedere. **This means that children attending Northwood are given high priority when applying for a place at Trinity C of E Secondary School, Belvedere.**

The published admission number for the school is 30; therefore the Governing Body will offer up to 30 pupils a place in our Reception class in the academic year 2023-24.

Children are admitted to the Reception class in the school year in which they have their fifth birthday. All pupils born from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 can start in a Reception class in September 2023. Compulsory school age is the beginning of the school term after the child's fifth birthday. Parents / guardians of Reception age children have the right to deferment of entry or to take the place up part time, until the term in which the child reaches compulsory school age.

Parents / guardians of gifted and talented children, or of children who have experienced problems or missed part of a year, for example due to ill health, can seek places outside their normal age group. In addition, the parents / guardians of a summer born child may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to Reception rather than Year 1. Parents / guardians should write, in the first instance, to the Principal, explaining their reasons.

It is not an automatic right to choose this option and decisions will be made by the admission authority on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. To determine this the following will be taken into account: the parent's / guardian's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. The views of the Principal of the school will also be taken into account. When informing a parent of their decision on the year group the child should be admitted to, the admission authority will set out clearly the reasons for the decision.

Where the admission authority agrees to a parent's / guardian's request for their child to be admitted out of their normal age group and, as a consequence of that decision, the child will be admitted to a relevant age group (i.e. the age group to which pupils are normally admitted to the school) the local authority and admission authority will process the application as part of the main admissions round, unless the parental request is made too late for this to be possible, and on the basis of their determined admission arrangements only, including the application of oversubscription criteria where applicable. They will not give the application lower priority on the basis that the child is being admitted out of their normal age group. Parents / guardians have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. This right does not apply if they are offered a place at the school but it is not in their preferred age group.

Applications for admission are welcomed from all parents / guardians, however, parents / guardians must note that evidence is needed for some admission criteria should the school receive more than 30 applications. The Governing Body is required to abide by the maximum limit of 30 pupils per class for infant classes (5, 6 and 7 year olds).

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an EHC plan which names the school are given priority before the criteria are applied.

Application Procedures and Timetable

Parents / guardians will be required to complete the Common Application Form available from their Home Authority. The CAF will be available online, or from any Primary School or the School Admissions Team at their Home Authority from 1st September 2022. Parents / guardians may express up to six preferences for primary schools on the CAF. To be treated as "on time" the CAF must be returned to the school shown as the first preference, with documenting evidence of address and child's date of birth, by 15th January 2023.

In addition to the CAF supplied by the Home Authority, the **Supplementary Information Form** available from the school must be completed and sent to the School Secretary not later than the closing date published by the Home Authority. If parents/ guardians do not complete and return the **Supplementary Information Form** to the school by the closing date set for the return of the CAF, the application will be considered under oversubscription criterion 3 (if they have siblings in the school) or 4 (if they do not have siblings in the school).

Offers of places will be sent to parents / guardians on the common offer date as notified by the Home Authority.

Oversubscription Criteria

If the school is oversubscribed the following criteria will be applied in order. These oversubscription criteria have been devised in accordance with the School Admissions Code.

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an EHC Plan which names the school are given priority before the criteria are applied.

1. Children in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care, defined as children under the age of 18 years for whom the local authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or who ceased to be so because they became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order under Part IV of the Act.
2. Children of members of Trinitas Academy Trust staff in either or both of the following circumstances:
 - Where the member of staff has been employed by the Trust for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
3. Children who have siblings in the school at the time of admission. If oversubscription occurs within this category, places will be offered in order of the age of the sibling – youngest first.
4. Places still available after the previous criteria have been applied, will be offered to children living nearest to the school

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measured by a straight line from the school gate, which has been approved by the governors, to the child's home address. Distance will be measured using Ordnance Survey address point data as supplied by the Local Authority. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

Notes

- A: Where a distinction has to be made within the above categories, then the following criteria will be used to determine priority within each category:
- Children who have siblings in the main school at the time of admission for subscription criteria 1 and 2. If oversubscription occurs within this category, places will be offered in order of the age of the sibling – youngest first.
 - Those living nearest to the school measured by a straight line from the school gate, which has been approved by the governors, to the child's home address.
- B: For the purpose of this criterion, a 'sibling' is a child who lives at the same address as the child for whom a place is being requested, and is one of the following:
- The brother or sister
 - The half-brother or half-sister
 - The step-brother or step-sister (i.e. related by parent's marriage)
 - Any other child for whom it can be demonstrated that he/she is residing permanently at the same address (e.g. under the terms of a residence order or Foster-care plan).
- C: The home address will be taken as the child's home address on 15th January 2023, unless there is a qualifying change of address by 15th February 2023. It must be the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian, who is the main carer. Where there are shared responsibilities for the child, and as a consequence the child lives at two different addresses during the week, the home address will be regarded as the one at which the child sleeps for the majority of weekdays.

After offers of places have been made, a waiting list is drawn up according to our oversubscription criteria, in accordance with the DfE School Admissions Code - December 2021

In year admissions

Applications for in year admissions will be considered by the Governing Body having regard to the Admissions Policy stated above and according to whether places are available in the appropriate year group. If a place cannot be offered at this time, then you may ask us for the reasons and you will be informed of your right of appeal. You will be offered the opportunity of being placed on a waiting list as outlined above.

Appeals

Parents / guardians have the right to appeal if their child is not offered a place at the school. They should do so in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the School, within 14 days of hearing that their child has not been allocated a place. An independent appeals panel will then be convened to hear the appeal.

Old Bexley CE Primary School

Hurst Road, Bexley DA5 3JR Tel: 01322 527981

Admissions Policy 2023/24

Old Bexley CE Primary School is an Academy and part of the Amadeus Primary Academies Trust. The school's Governing Body is responsible for decisions on admissions to the school.

Children born from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 will be admitted to Reception classes in September 2023. The number of Reception places for the academic year 2023/2024 will be 120.

The school will admit pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school, where the school has agreed that it can meet the child's needs.

The governors and school will give priority to applicants whose family can demonstrate commitment to the Anglican faith by regular Church attendance.

Where there are fewer applicants than the number of places, all will be admitted. Where there are more applicants than places available, the school will apply the following oversubscription criteria, in this order:

- Children in public care (looked after children) or children who were previously in public care immediately before being adopted or subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.
- Children with a medical need that makes it essential for the child to attend Old Bexley CE Primary School. Evidence of the medical condition must be submitted at the time of application. An opinion may be sought from a medical adviser before a place is awarded.
- Siblings of children who will be attending Old Bexley C of E Primary School at the time the child is due for admission to the school. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year. For this priority, brother or sister includes a full brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or step/ half brother or sister living at the same address.

Where in an allocation of places, children who are twin, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority.

- Children whose parent or sibling has a medical condition, or where there are significant social or domestic circumstances, that would result in significant hardship if the child did not attend Old Bexley CE Primary School. Evidence must be submitted at the time of application. An opinion may be sought from a medical adviser or other professional before a place is awarded.
- Children living closest to the school, based on the distance measured as a straight line from the home address to the nearest pupil entrance. Measurements will be provided by the London Borough of Bexley in accordance with its home to school distance measuring policy.

Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or legal guardian who is also the main carer, defined as the parent eligible to receive child benefit and child tax credit, at the time of application.

A waiting list will be kept by Bexley Council Admissions Department of applicants who are refused admission due to oversubscription. When places become available, they will be offered in the sequence of the criteria above. The waiting list will be kept until the start of the autumn term 2023.

Parents have the right to appeal against any refusal by the Governors to admit their child. Details of the appeals procedure can be obtained by contacting the school office.

Admission outside the normal age group

Parents of a summer born child who choose not to send their child to school until the September following their 5th birthday may request that the school considers them to be admitted out of their normal age group – to Reception rather than Year 1.

Parents should submit their application for their child's normal age group at the usual time and include their request for the school to consider their child's admission out of the normal age group at the same time. Any available supporting evidence such as medical reports or other professional evidence should be provided in order to assist the Governors with their decision. Parents will be informed of the outcome of their request before the national offer day.

If the parents' request is agreed, their application for the normal age group will be withdrawn and parents must make a new application as part of the main admissions round the following year.

If the parents' request is refused, they must decide whether to accept an offer for the normal age group, or refuse it and make an in-year application to Year 1 for the September following their child's 5th birthday.

Requests for admission to other year groups outside the normal age group should be made direct to Bexley Council as an In Year Transfer.

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School

Holbeach Gardens, Blackfen, Sidcup, Kent DA15 8QW
Tel: 020 8850 4470

Admissions Policy and Procedures 2023/24

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School is a voluntary aided school in the Diocese of Southwark. It is in the trusteeship of the Diocese. The school is conducted by its governing body as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its Trust Deed and Instrument of Government, and seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ. Catholic children always have priority of admission, however; the Governing Body welcomes all applications, particularly from those of other denominations and faiths who support the religious ethos of the school.

Having consulted with the Local Authority and other admission authorities, the Governors intend to admit into the reception class in September 2023 up to 60 children, without reference to ability or aptitude, born between 1st September 2018 to 31st August 2019.

Where the number of applications exceeds 60, the Governors will offer places using the following criteria in the order stated:-

1. Looked After Catholic children or looked after children in the care of Catholic families and previously looked after children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order.
2. Catholic children. Evidence of Baptism or evidence of reception into the Catholic Church must accompany the supplementary information form.
3. Children enrolled in the catechumenate. Evidence of enrolment in the catechumenate will be required.
4. Other looked after children and other previously looked after children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order.
5. Children with a brother or sister on the school roll at the time of admission (Years Reception to Year 6). Evidence of the relationship may be required. For this priority, brother or sister normally means a sibling through blood, marriage or adoption. They will not necessarily be residing at the same address or have the same surname.
6. Children who are members of Eastern Orthodox Churches. Evidence of Baptism will be required.
7. Children of families who are members of other Christian denominations that are part of Churches Together in England. Evidence of Baptism (or dedication) provided by a priest or minister of a designated place of worship will be required.
8. Children of other faiths. Evidence of membership of the church or faith group will be required provided by a priest, minister or religious leader of a designated place of worship.
9. Any other children.

The following order of priorities will be applied when applications within any of the above categories exceed the places available and it is necessary to decide between applications.

1. For Category 2 and 3 above - The strength of evidence of commitment to the faith as demonstrated by the level of the family's Mass attendance on Sundays. This evidence must be provided by the parents/carers and be endorsed by a priest at the church(es) where the family normally worship. Applications will be ranked in the order shown on the Supplementary Form. Highest priority to those who attend Mass weekly, then at least once a month etc.
2. Children who live in the parishes of Blackfen and Bexley, as defined by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark. Places allocated will be split – Our Lady of the Rosary 80%, and St. John Fisher 20%. Maps showing the parish boundaries are available in school.
3. A brother or sister on the school roll at the time of admission. Evidence of the relationship may be required. For this priority, brother or sister normally means a sibling through blood, marriage or adoption. They will not necessarily be residing at the same address or have the same surname.
4. Social and medical needs which make the school particularly suitable for the child in question. Strong and relevant evidence must be provided by an appropriate professional authority (eg qualified medical practitioner; education welfare officer; social worker or priest).
5. Distance from home to school. Evidence of residence may be required. This gives priority to pupils living nearest to the school based on a straight line measurement from home to school. Home will be taken as the child's home address at the time of allocation that is the address at which the child lives with the parent or legal guardian who is also the main carer.

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This will be measured by Bexley Council. [For information please refer to Bexley Councils "Admission to Primary Schools" booklet] Where the last remaining place is to be allocated and two or more children are deemed to live at the same distance from the school the place will be decided by the drawing of lots.

Note:

- a) In the context of school admissions Catholic children are defined as children who are baptised or received into the Catholic Church, children baptised or received into the Eastern Churches in Union with Rome and children of members of the Ordinariate. Reference to other Christian denominations refers to denominations that are full members of Churches Together in England. [See note 1].
- b) The admissions of pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or with an EHC Plan are dealt with by a completely separate procedure. The procedure is integral to the making and maintaining of statements and EHC plans by the pupil's home local authority. Details of this separate procedure are set out in the SEND code of practice. Pupils with a statement or EHC plan naming the school will be admitted without reference to the above criteria.

Admissions procedure

In addition to the Common Application Form (CAF) supplied by the Local Authority, the Supplementary Information Form must be completed and sent to the School Business Manager at the school not later than the closing date published by the Local Authority. This should be done even if the CAF is completed online. The Supplementary Information Form can be obtained from the school or downloaded from the website.

If the Supplementary Information Form is not completed, the governing body of the school will only be able to consider the application after all applicants who have completed a Supplementary Information Form. You are advised to make two copies of the forms. You should retain one copy and pass the second copy to the school or your priest, as indicated. [See note 2].

Offers of places will be sent to parents on the common offer date.

The closing date for primary applications is 15th January 2023.

The offer date is 17th April 2023.

Admissions of children below compulsory school age.

The governors will provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday. 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; parents may also request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents who are seeking a place for their child outside of their normal age group, eg. the child has experienced problems such as ill health or the parents of a summer born child choosing not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday, may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to Reception rather than Year 1.

Governors will make decisions on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's

academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group, and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. They will also take into account the views of the school's Headteacher. When informing a parent of the decision which year group the child should be admitted to, the Governors will set out clearly the reasons for their decision.

Appeals

Parents whose applications for places are unsuccessful may appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel set up in accordance with section 85(3) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing and must set out the reasons on which the appeal is made. Appeals should be made to the Admissions Appeals Clerk at the school address.

Parents/Carers have the right to make oral representations to the Appeal Panel.

Infant classes are restricted by the legislation to 30 children. Parents should be aware that an appeal against refusal of a place in an infant class may only succeed if it can be demonstrated that:-

- a) the admission of additional children would not breach the infant class size limit; or
- b) the admission arrangements did not comply with admissions law or had not been correctly and impartially applied and the child would have been offered a place if the arrangements had complied or had been correctly and impartially applied;
- c) or the panel decides that the decision to refuse admission was not one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case.

Appeals must be lodged within a month of the date when notified of the decision. This gives parents time to prepare and lodge their written appeal. Appeals submitted within this time frame will be heard within 40 school days i.e. usually by mid July.

Waiting Lists

Parents of children who have not been offered a place at the school may ask for their child's name to be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list, which will be maintained for one year from the date of application, will be operated using the same admissions criteria listed above. Placing a child's name on the waiting list does not guarantee that a place will become available. This does not prevent the parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place. It is possible that when a child is directed under the local authority's fair access protocol they will take precedence over those children on the list.

Late Applications

Any late applications will be considered by the Governors' Admissions Committee, in the event of there being any available places using the above criteria. If all places have been filled, parents will be offered the opportunity of placing their child's name on the waiting list.

This does not prevent parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place.

This admissions procedure, although primarily relevant to children for whom a place is sought at the normal age of entry to primary education (Year R), will also apply to succeeding year, and be subject to availability of places.

Peareswood Primary School

Peareswood Road, Erith, Kent DA8 3PR Tel: 01322 332379

Admissions policy 2023/24

Peareswood Primary School is part of The Woodland Academy Trust that is committed to inclusion, diversity and promoting equal opportunity for all. All schools within the Trust share this commitment, providing an inclusive environment. The number of places available is determined by the capacity of the school; the PAN (Pupil Admission Number) for new Reception pupils is 60.

Oversubscription criteria

The Trust board will aim to ensure that oversubscription criteria is reasonable, clear, objective, procedurally fair, and compliant with all relevant legislation, including equalities legislation. This means that the oversubscription criteria will not unfairly disadvantage, whether directly or indirectly, any child based on a protected characteristic or economic disadvantage.

All children whose statement of special educational needs (SEND) or education, health and care (EHC) plan names the school will be admitted before any other places are allocated.

If the school is not oversubscribed, all applicants will be offered a place.

In the event that the school receives more applications than the number of places it has available, places will be given to those children who meet any of the criteria set out below, in order until all places are filled:

1. Highest priority will be given to looked after children and all previously looked after children who apply for a place at the school.
2. Priority will next be given to children with siblings at the school. Siblings include step siblings, foster siblings, adopted siblings and other children living permanently at the same address. Priority will not be given to children with siblings who are former pupils of the school.
3. Priority will next be given to children on the basis of social or medical need. Definition of medical, health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians', physical or mental health or social needs means that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the particular school.
4. We use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school, measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by NLPG. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for the school, these straight-line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school.

Definition

Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children:

A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

A previously looked after child means such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

Tie break

In the case of two or more applications that cannot be separated by the oversubscription criteria outlined above, the school will use the distance between the school and a child's home as a tie breaker to decide between applicants. Priority will be given to children who live closest to the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to the school's front gates. A child's home address will be considered to be where he/she is resident for the majority of nights in a normal school week.

Where the distance between 2 children's homes and the school is the same, random allocation will be used to decide between them. This process will be independently verified.

Pelham Primary School

Pelham Road, Bexleyheath DA7 4HL Tel: 020 8303 6556

Admissions Arrangements for 2023/24

Pelham Primary School is an Academy within Illuminate Minds Trust. The Governing Body is responsible for decisions on admissions to the school.

Admissions Policy

Date of entry to Reception classes and admission outside the normal age group

All children can start in a Reception class in the September of the academic year when they become five years old. Compulsory school age is the beginning of the school term after the child's fifth birthday, and entry may be deferred to the January or April after the fifth birthday.

Applications should be made on the Local Authority's primary common application form and submitted by the closing date published by Bexley.

Parents of children born between 1 April and 31 August may request entry to Reception (rather than Year 1) in the September after the child's fifth birthday. Requests should where possible be made during the normal application period for primary places, accompanied by any available supporting evidence.

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If the request is agreed, the application for a school place will be processed in the following year's application period. If the request is not agreed, the child must either start school before the fifth birthday or start school in Year 1 in the September following the fifth birthday. A place will not be allocated at a preferred school unless the child qualifies for a place under the published admission criteria either in the normal or deferred year of entry.

In year requests for admission outside the normal age group (i.e. other than for entry to Reception) should be made at the time of application with supporting evidence.

If a child is admitted to Reception one year later than normal, new requests must be made for entry outside the normal age group when transferring to junior school (for a child attending an infant only school) and secondary school.

All decisions on admission outside the normal age group to community and voluntary controlled schools will be made by the school in consultation with the London Borough of Bexley. There is no right of appeal against a decision not to admit a child outside the normal age group.

Children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 will be admitted to Reception classes in September 2023. The number of Reception places for the academic year 2023/2024 will be 60

The school will admit pupils with Educational Health Care Plans naming the school, where the school has agreed that it can meet that child's needs.

Where there are fewer applicants than places available all will be admitted. Where there are more applicants than places available, the school will apply the following oversubscription criteria:-

Priority 1

Children in Public Care (Looked After Children) and children previously looked after immediately before being adopted or subject to a residence or special guardianship order.

Priority 2

Children with a medical condition, which would cause significant hardship if they could not attend Pelham Primary School. Supporting evidence must be provided at the time of application and will be considered only where Pelham Primary School is the nearest school to home. The London Borough of Bexley's own medical adviser may be asked for a professional opinion on the case presented. Late requests will be considered only if the medical condition occurs after the closing date for applications. Medical conditions consequential from a failure to obtain a place at Pelham Primary School, for example emotional distress (whether or not leading to a recognised medical condition), are not such as to fall within this priority. "Significant hardship" will be interpreted as being greater than inconvenience, financial disadvantage or emotional upset.

Priority 3

Siblings of children who will be attending Pelham Primary School at the time the child is due for admission to the school. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year. For this priority, brother or sister includes a full brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or step/half brother or sister living at the same address.

Priority 4

To ensure retention and recruitment of high quality staff within the academy, priority will be awarded to children with a parent

employed at Pelham Academy Trust or a school within the Trust where;

a) The member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made,

and/or

b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Priority 5

Children whose parent or sibling has a disability or medical condition that it would result in significant hardship if the child did not attend Pelham Primary School. Medical evidence of the child/sibling/parent will be considered only where Pelham Primary School is the nearest school to home, nearest to the place of work of the parent suffering the condition, or nearest the home of the family's registered child-minder.

Priority 6

Distance from school with priority given to pupils living nearest to the school, based on the distance measured as a straight line from the home address to the nearest pupil entrance. Measurements will be provided by the London Borough of Bexley in accordance with its home to school distance measuring policy.

Home will be taken as the child's home address at the time of allocation, that is the address at which the child lives with the parent or legal guardian who is also the main carer, defined as the parent eligible to receive child benefit and child tax credit.

Tie breaker

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in situations where two applicants for the final place have an identical home to school distance.

A waiting list will be kept by the Governors of applicants who are refused admission due to oversubscription. When places become available, they will be offered in the sequence of the criteria above. The waiting list will be kept until the start of the Autumn term 2022.

Parents have the right to appeal against any refusal by the Governors to admit their child. Details of the appeals procedure can be obtained by contacting the school office.

Nursery Admission arrangements for 2023

Pelham Primary school has academy status and the Governors have responsibility for the admission arrangements for the school. However, the Governors have decided they wish to participate in the Council's arrangements. Therefore, applications and places allocated for the nursery class at Pelham Primary School will be dealt with using the same criteria as for community schools, in the way set out in Bexley Council's Admission to Nursery Classes in Bexley Schools booklet. Applications should be made on the Council's online or paper form.

Admissions during the year and outside the normal round.

Admission of children moving into the area or transferring from another school in year and outside of the normal admissions round will be considered by Governors having regard to the admissions policy stated above and according to whether places are available in the appropriate year group.

Royal Park Primary School

Riverside Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 4PX Tel: 020 8300 7646

Admissions Policy 2023/24

Royal Park Primary School is an Academy. The Governing Body is responsible for decisions on admissions to the school. Children born from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 will be admitted to Reception classes in September 2023. The number of Reception places for the academic year 2023/2024 will be 60.

The school will admit pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school, where the school has agreed that it can meet the child's needs.

Where there are fewer applicants than the number of places, all will be admitted. Where there are more applicants than places available, the school will apply the following oversubscription criteria, in this order:

1. Children in public care (looked after children) or children who were previously in public care immediately before being adopted or subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.
2. Children with a medical need that makes it essential for the child to attend Royal Park Primary School. Evidence of the medical condition must be submitted at the time of application. An opinion may be sought from a medical adviser before a place is awarded.
3. Siblings of children who will be attending Royal Park Primary School at the time the child is due for admission to the school. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year. For this priority, brother or sister includes a full brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or step/ half brother or sister living at the same address.

Where in an allocation of places, children who are twin, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority.

4. Children whose parent or sibling has a medical condition, or where there are significant social or domestic circumstances, that would result in significant hardship if the child did not attend Royal Park Primary School. Evidence must be submitted at the time of application. An opinion may be sought from a medical adviser or other professional before a place is awarded.
5. Children living closest to the school, based on the distance measured as a straight line from the home address to the nearest pupil entrance. Measurements will be provided by the London Borough of Bexley in accordance with its home to school distance measuring policy.

Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or legal guardian who is also the main carer, defined as the parent eligible to receive child benefit and child tax credit, at the time of application.

A waiting list will be kept by the Governors of applicants who are refused admission due to oversubscription. When places become available, they will be offered in the sequence of the criteria above. The waiting list will be kept until the start of the autumn term 2022.

Parents have the right to appeal against any refusal by the Governors to admit their child. Details of the appeals procedure can be obtained by contacting the school office.

Admission outside the normal age group

Parents of a summer born child who choose not to send their child to school until the September following their 5th birthday may request that the school considers them to be admitted out of their normal age group – to Reception rather than Year 1.

Parents should submit their application for their child's normal age group at the usual time and include their request for the school to consider their child's admission out of the normal age group at the same time. Any available supporting evidence such as medical reports or other professional evidence should be provided in order to assist the Governors with their decision. Parents will be informed of the outcome of their request before the national offer day. If the parents' request is agreed, their application for the normal age group will be withdrawn and parents must make a new application as part of the main admissions round the following year.

If the parents' request is refused, they must decide whether to accept an offer for the normal age group, or refuse it and make an in-year application to Year 1 for the September following their child's 5th birthday.

Requests for admission to other year groups outside the normal age group should be made direct to the school.

St Augustine of Canterbury C of E Primary School

St Augustine's Road, Belvedere DA17 5HP Tel: 020 8311 2956

Admissions Policy 2023/24

All parents/guardians applying for places for their children at St Augustine of Canterbury C of E Primary School are expected to respect the Christian ethos of the school.

As St Augustine of Canterbury C of E Primary School is a member school of Trinitas Academy Trust it is a named **feeder school** for Trinity C of E Secondary School, Belvedere. **This means that children attending St Augustine of Canterbury C of E Primary School are given high priority when applying for a place at Trinity C of E Secondary School, Belvedere.**

The published admission number for the school is 30; therefore the Governing Body will offer up to 30 pupils a place in our Reception class in the academic year 2023-24.

Children are admitted to the Reception class in the school year in which they have their fifth birthday. All pupils born from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 can start in a Reception class in September 2023. Compulsory school age is the beginning of the school term after the child's fifth birthday. Parents / guardians of Reception age children have the right to deferment of entry or to take the place up part time, until the term in which the child reaches compulsory school age.

Parents / guardians of gifted and talented children, or of children who have experienced problems or missed part of a year, for example due to ill health, can seek places outside their normal age group. In addition, the parents / guardians of a summer born child may choose not to send that child to school until the

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September following their fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to Reception rather than Year 1. Parents / guardians should write, in the first instance, to the Principal, explaining their reasons.

It is not an automatic right to choose this option and decisions will be made by the admission authority on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. To determine this the following will be taken into account: the parent's / guardian's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. The views of the Principal of the school will also be taken into account. When informing a parent of their decision on the year group the child should be admitted to, the admission authority will set out clearly the reasons for the decision.

Where the admission authority agrees to a parent's / guardian's request for their child to be admitted out of their normal age group and, as a consequence of that decision, the child will be admitted to a relevant age group (i.e. the age group to which pupils are normally admitted to the school) the local authority and admission authority will process the application as part of the main admissions round, unless the parental request is made too late for this to be possible, and on the basis of their determined admission arrangements only, including the application of oversubscription criteria where applicable. They will not give the application lower priority on the basis that the child is being admitted out of their normal age group. Parents / guardians have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. This right does not apply if they are offered a place at the school but it is not in their preferred age group.

Applications for admission are welcomed from all parents / guardians. However, parents / guardians must note that evidence is needed for some admission criteria should the school receive more than 30 applications. The Governing Body is required to abide by the maximum limit of 30 pupils per class for infant classes (5, 6 and 7 year olds).

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an EHC plan which names the school are given priority before the criteria are applied.

Application Procedures and Timetable

Parents / guardians will be required to complete the Common Application Form available from their Home Authority.

The CAF will be available online, or from any Primary School or the School Admissions Team at their Home Authority from 1st September 2021. Parents / guardians may express up to six preferences for primary schools on the CAF.

To be treated as "on time" the CAF must be returned to the school shown as the first preference, with documenting evidence of address and child's date of birth, by 15th January 2023.

In addition to the CAF supplied by the Home Authority, the **Supplementary Information Form** available from the school must be completed and sent to the School Secretary not later than the closing date published by the Home Authority. If parents / guardians do not complete and return the **Supplementary Information Form** to the school by the closing date set for the return of the CAF, the application will be considered under

oversubscription criterion 6 (if they have siblings in the school) or 7 (if they do not have siblings in the school).

Offers of places will be sent to parents / guardians on the common offer date as notified by the Home Authority.

Oversubscription Criteria

If the school is oversubscribed the following criteria will be applied in order. These oversubscription criteria have been devised in accordance with the School Admissions Code.

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an EHC Plan which names the school are given priority before the criteria are applied.

- Children in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care, defined as children under the age of 18 years for whom the local authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or who ceased to be so because they became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order under Part IV of the Act.
- Children of parents / guardians who **regularly** attend a Church of England Church with their family (Notes B, C, D):
Priority One: St Augustine of Canterbury Church, St Augustine Road, Belvedere, Kent
Priority Two: any other Church of England Church
- Children of members of Trinitas Academy Trust staff in either or both of the following circumstances:
- Where the member of staff has been employed by the Trust for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
- The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- Children of parents / guardians who **regularly** attend a Church which is a member of Churches Together in England, or the Evangelical Alliance (Notes B, C, D).
- Children of parents / guardians who **regularly** attend their place of worship from another faith (Notes B, C, D).
- Children who have siblings in the school at the time of admission. If oversubscription occurs within this category, places will be offered in order of the age of the sibling – youngest first.
- Places still available after the previous criteria have been applied, will be offered to children living nearest to the school measured by a straight line from the school gate, which has been approved by the governors, to the child's home address. Distance will be measured using Ordnance Survey address point data as supplied by the Local Authority. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

Notes

- A: Where a distinction has to be made within the above categories, then the following criteria will be used to determine priority within each category:
- Children who have siblings in the main school at the time of admission for subscription criteria 1 to 5. If oversubscription occurs within this category, places will be offered in order of the age of the sibling – youngest first.
 - Those living nearest to the school measured by a straight line from the school gate, which has been approved by the governors, to the child's home address.

- B: Regular attendance is defined as attending worship at least twice a month, over a minimum of twelve months.
- C: It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure that they make their **regular** attendance known to the church clergy (or church leader/religious leaders) in order to support their declaration. Church clergy (or church leader/religious leader) will advise of ways to do this. Evidence will be required on the **Supplementary Information Form** completed by the parents / guardians and the church clergy (or church leader/religious leader). It must be completed and returned to the school by the published closing date.
- D: If the family has moved to the area or has moved to a different Church within the previous year, the applicant should provide clergy references for all churches attended during the previous year by completing the appropriate section of the **Supplementary Information Form**.
- E: For the purpose of this criterion, a 'sibling' is a child who lives at the same address as the child for whom a place is being requested, and is one of the following:
- The brother or sister
 - The half-brother or half-sister
 - The step-brother or step-sister (i.e. related by parent's marriage)
 - Any other child for whom it can be demonstrated that he/she is residing permanently at the same address (e.g. under the terms of a residence order or Foster-care plan).
- F: The home address will be taken as the child's home address on 15th January 2023, unless there is a qualifying change of address by 9th February 2023. It must be the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian, who is the main carer. Where there are shared responsibilities for the child, and as a consequence the child lives at two different addresses during the week, the home address will be regarded as the one at which the child sleeps for the majority of weekdays.

After offers of places have been made, a waiting list is drawn up according to our oversubscription criteria, in accordance with the DfE School Admissions Code - December 2014.

In year admissions

Applications for in year admissions will be considered by the Governing Body having regard to the Admissions Policy stated above and according to whether places are available in the appropriate year group. If a place cannot be offered at this time, then you may ask us for the reasons and you will be informed of your right of appeal. You will be offered the opportunity of being placed on a waiting list as outlined above.

Appeals

Parents / guardians have the right to appeal if their child is not offered a place at the school. They should do so in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the School, within 14 days of hearing that their child has not been allocated a place. An independent appeals panel will then be convened to hear the appeal.

Footnote 1: Please note the following variation which clarifies how church attendance is calculated in the current circumstances:

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church [or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only

apply to the period when the church [or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

St Fidelis Catholic Primary School

Bexley Road, Erith, Kent DA8 3HQ Tel: 01322 337752

Admissions Policy 2023/24

St Fidelis Catholic Primary School is a voluntary aided school in the Diocese of Southwark. It is in the trusteeship of the Diocese. The school is conducted by its governing body as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its Trust Deed and Instrument of Government, and seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ. The school exists primarily to serve the Catholic community and Catholic children always have priority of admission. However the Governing Body also welcomes applications from those of other denominations and faiths and from those who have no faith who support the religious ethos of the school.

Having consulted with the Local Authority, the Diocese and other admission authorities, the Governors intend to admit into the reception class, in September 2023, up to 60 pupils without reference to ability or aptitude, born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019..

Where the number of applications exceeds 60, the Governors will offer places using the following criteria in the order stated:

1. Looked after Catholic children or looked after children in the care of Catholic families, looked after Catholic children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order and Catholic children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and cease to be in state care outside of England as a result of being adopted
2. Catholic children. Evidence of Baptism will be required.
3. Other looked after children and other previously looked after children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order and children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and cease to be in state care outside of England as a result of being adopted
4. Children who are members of Eastern Orthodox Churches. Evidence of Baptism will be required.
5. Children of families who are members of other Christian denominations that are part of Churches Together in England. Evidence of Baptism (or dedication) provided by a priest or minister of a designated place of worship will be required.
6. Children who are members of other faiths. Evidence of membership of the faith provided by a priest, minister or religious leader of a designated place of worship will be required.
7. Any other children. The following order of priorities will be applied when applications within any of the above categories exceed the places available and it is necessary to decide between applications:
 - i. For Category 2 above- The strength of evidence of commitment to the Catholic faith, over a period of not less than three years, as demonstrated by the level of the family's Mass attendance on Sundays in the Parish of Our Lady of the

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Angels. Applications will be ranked in the order shown on the Supplementary Form; only for those who attend Mass weekly, then for those who attend most weeks. This evidence must be provided by the parents/carers and be endorsed by a priest in the Parish (Supplementary Form, Part Two).

ii. For Category 2 above- The strength of evidence of commitment to the Catholic faith, over a period of not less than three years, as demonstrated by the level of the family's Mass attendance on Sundays in other Catholic church(es). This evidence must be provided by the parents/carers and be endorsed by a priest in the other Catholic church(es) where the family normally worship. Applications will be ranked in the order shown on the Supplementary Form; only for those who attend Mass weekly, then for those who attend most weeks. This evidence must be provided by the parents/carers and be endorsed by a priest in the Parish (Supplementary Form, Part Two).

iii. A brother or sister on the school roll at the time of admission. Evidence of the relationship may be required.

iv. Social, pastoral and medical needs which make the school particularly suitable for the child in question. Strong and relevant evidence must be provided by an appropriate professional authority (e.g. qualified medical practitioner, education welfare officer, social worker or priest).

v. Distance from home to school. Evidence of residence will be required. Distance from home to school is measured as a straight line from front gate of the home to the main gate of the school using the measurement supplied by Bexley Council derived from their computerised mapping system. Where the last remaining place is to be allocated and two or more children are deemed to live at the same distance from the school the place will be decided by the drawing of lots.

Notes:

- a) Catholics include members of the Ordinariate and the Latin and Oriental Rite Churches that are in union with the Bishop of Rome (Appendix One). Reference to other Christian denominations refers to denominations that are full members of Churches Together in England (Appendix Two).
- b) A "brother or sister" means children who live as brother and sister including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers or sisters. It would not include other relatives (e.g. cousins).
- c) Home refers to the permanent home address at which the child lives for the majority of his/her time and with the parent who is in receipt of child benefit.
- d) Looked after children are those in the care of a public authority and are in public care. Applications made under this criterion must be accompanied by details of circumstance and professionally supported evidence (e.g. from an appropriate social worker).
- e) Where families have practised their faith in more than one parish over the last three years, additional proof should be provided with the application.

Please Note:

Attendance at St Fidelis Nursery does not constitute a right to a place in the Primary School. The School Office will require sight of the following original documents:

- Baptism Certificate (or evidence of Dedication)
- Current Council Tax Bill (as proof of residence)

Admissions procedure

In addition to the Common Application Form (CAF) supplied by the Local Authority, the Supplementary Information Form (available from the school) should be completed and sent to the school office not later than the closing date published by the Local Authority. This should be done even if the CAF is completed online. If the Supplementary Information Form is not completed, the governing body of the school will only be able to consider the application after all applicants who have completed a Supplementary Information Form. You are advised to make two copies of the forms. You should retain one copy and pass the second copy to the school or your priest, as indicated. Offers of places will be sent to parents by their home local authority.

Admission of children below compulsory school age

The governors will provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday. 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; parents may also request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents who are seeking a place for their child outside of their normal age group, e.g. the child has experienced problems such as ill health, or the parents of a summer-born child preferring not to send their child to school until the September following their fifth birthday, may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to Reception rather than Year 1.

Governors will make decisions on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group, and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. They will also take into account the views of the school's head teacher.

When informing a parent of the decision which year group the child should be admitted to, the governors will set out clearly the reasons for their decision.

Where the governors agree to a parent's request for their child to be admitted out of their normal age group and, as a consequence of that decision, the child will be admitted to the age group to which pupils are normally admitted to the school the local authority will process the application as part of the main admissions round, (unless the parental request is made too late for this to be possible) and on the basis of the determined admission arrangements, including the application of oversubscription criteria where applicable. Parents have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. This right does not apply if they are offered a place at the school but it is not in their preferred age group.

Appeals

Parents whose applications for places are unsuccessful may appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel set up in accordance with section 94 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing and must set out the reasons on which the appeal is made. Appeals should be made to the Admissions Appeal Clerk at the school address. Parents/Carers have the right to make oral representations to the Appeal Panel. Appeals must

be lodged within 30 school days from the date the local authority posts offers of primary places to all parents.

Infant classes are restricted by the legislation to 30 children. Parents should be aware that an appeal against refusal of a place in an infant class may only succeed if it can be demonstrated that:

- a) the admission of additional children would not breach the infant class size limit; or
- b) the admission arrangements did not comply with admissions law or had not been correctly and impartially applied and the child would have been offered a place if the arrangements had complied or had been correctly and impartially applied; or
- c) the panel decides that the decision to refuse admission was not one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case.

Fair Access Protocol

The school participates in the local authority's Fair Access Protocol to allocate places to vulnerable and other children in accordance with the School Admission Code 2014. Admitting pupils under the protocol may require the school to admit above the planned admission number for the relevant year group.

In Year Admissions

This admissions procedure, although primarily relevant to children for whom a place is sought at the normal age of entry to primary education (Reception), will also apply to succeeding years, and be subject to the availability of places.

Late Applications

Any late applications will be considered by the Governors' Admissions Committee, in the event of there being any available places, using the above criteria. If all places have been filled, parents will be offered the opportunity of placing their child's name on the waiting list. This does not prevent parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place.

Pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan

The admission of pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or with an EHC Plan is dealt with by a completely separate procedure. The procedure is integral to the making and maintaining of statements and EHC plans by the pupil's home local authority. Details of this separate procedure are set out in the SEND code of practice. Pupils with a statement or EHC plan naming the school will be admitted without reference to the above criteria.

Waiting Lists

Parents of children who have not been offered a place at the school may ask for their child's name to be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list, which will be maintained until twelve months after the application was received by the school office, will be operated using the same admissions criteria listed above. Placing a child's name on the waiting list does not guarantee that a place will become available. This does not prevent parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place. It is possible that when a child is directed under the local authority's fair access protocol they will take precedence over those children already on the list.

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

Kale Road, Erith, DA18 4BA Tel: 020 8310 7311

Admissions Policy 2023/24

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School is a voluntary aided school in the Diocese of Southwark. It is in the trusteeship of the Diocese. The school is conducted by its governing body as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its Trust Deed and Instrument of Government, and seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ. The school exists primarily to serve the Catholic community and Catholic children always have priority of admission. However the Governing Body also welcomes applications from those of other denominations and faiths who support the religious ethos of the school.

Having consulted with the Local Authority, the Diocese and other admission authorities, the Governors intend to admit into the reception class, in September 2023, up to 30 pupils without reference to ability or aptitude.

Where the number of applications exceeds 30 the Governors will offer places using the following criteria in the order stated:

1. Looked after Catholic children or looked after children in the care of Catholic families and previously looked after Catholic children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order and Catholic children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and cease to be in state care outside of England as a result of being adopted.
2. Catholic children, a baptismal certificate or evidence of reception into the Catholic Church must accompany the supplementary information form.

The following order of priorities will be applied when applications within any of the above categories exceed the places available and it is necessary to decide between applications.

Catholic children, a baptismal certificate or evidence of reception into the Catholic Church must accompany the supplementary information form. The strength of evidence of commitment to the faith as demonstrated by the level of the family's Mass attendance on Sundays over a period of 3 years. This evidence must be provided by the parents/carers and be endorsed by a priest at the church(es) where the family normally worship. Applications will be ranked in the order shown on the Supplementary Form; firstly those who attend Mass weekly, then once or twice a month etc.

From the 18th March 2020 through to the 5th June 2022 the Bishops of England and Wales suspended the obligation to attend mass in England and Wales. As of the 5th June 2022, Pentecost, the Bishops will lift the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Parents applying for a place at St John Fisher Catholic Primary School, under a faith based criteria will need to complete a Supplementary Information Form. Evidence of practice will be measured by frequency of attendance at Mass as validated by either a priest or minister, as was the case prior to 18th March 2020. These arrangements apply to the admissions round for 2023 and subsequent rounds.

3. Looked after children, looked after children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order and children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and cease to be in state care outside of England as a result of being adopted.

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4. Children who are members of Eastern Orthodox Churches. Evidence of Baptism will be required.
5. Children of families who are members of other Christian denominations that are part of Churches Together in England. Evidence of Baptism (or dedication) provided by a priest or minister of a designated place of worship will be required.
6. Children who are members of other faiths. Evidence of membership of the faith provided by a priest, minister or religious leader of a designated place of worship will be required.
7. Any other children.

A brother or sister on the school roll at the time of admission. Evidence of the relationship may be required. For this priority, brother or sister normally means a sibling through blood, marriage or adoption. They will not necessarily be residing at the same address or have the same surname.

Social and medical needs which make the school particularly suitable for the child in question. Strong and relevant evidence must be provided by an appropriate professional authority (eg qualified medical practitioner; education welfare officer; social worker or priest).

Distance from home to school.

Evidence of residence may be required. This gives priority to pupils living nearest to the school based on a straight line measurement from home to school. Home will be taken as the child's home address at the time of allocation that is the address at which the child lives with the parent or legal guardian who is also the main carer.

This will be measured by Bexley Council. [For information please refer to Bexley Councils "Admission to Primary Schools" booklet] Where the last remaining place is to be allocated and two or more children are deemed to live at the same distance from the school the place will be decided by the drawing of lots.

The distance will be measured on a straight line measurement. The distance will be measured by the Local Authority's computerised measuring system from the gate of the home address to main school entrance on Kale Road.

A home address is the address at which the child lives with a parent or registered guardian who is the main carer; defined as the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and Child Tax Credit.

Notes:

Archdiocese of Southwark - Guidance on School Admissions 19 Updated September 2021.

Catholics include members of the Ordinariate and the Latin and Oriental Rite Churches that are in union with the Bishop of Rome. Reference to other Christian denominations refers to denominations that are full members of Churches Together in England. (Appendix 1)

A "brother or sister" means children who live as brother and sister including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers or sisters. It would not include other relatives (eg cousins).

Home refers to the permanent home address at which the child lives for the majority of his/her time and with the parent who is in receipt of child benefit.

Looked after children are those in the care of a public authority and are in public care. Applications made under this criterion must be accompanied by details of circumstance and professionally supported evidence (eg from an appropriate social worker).

The admissions of pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or with an EHC Plan are dealt with by a completely separate procedure. The procedure is integral to the making and maintaining of statements and EHC plans by the pupil's home local authority. Details of this separate procedure are set out in the SEND code of practice. Pupils with a statement or EHC plan naming the school will be admitted without reference to the above criteria.

Admissions procedure

In addition to the Common Application Form (CAF) supplied by the Local Authority, the Supplementary Information Form (available from the school and from the local authority), should be completed and sent to the school not later than the closing date published by the Local Authority. This should be done even if the CAF is completed online.

If the Supplementary Information Form is not completed, the governing body of the school will only be able to consider the application after all applicants who have completed a Supplementary Information Form. Appendix 2

Offers of places will be sent to parents by the Local Authority on the common offer date as notified.

Appeals

Parents whose applications for places are unsuccessful may appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel set up in accordance with section 85(3) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing and must set out the reasons on which the appeal is made. Appeals should be made to the Admissions Appeals Clerk at the school address.

Parents/Carers have the right to make oral representations to the Appeal Panel.

Infant classes are restricted by the legislation to 30 children. Parents should be aware that an appeal against refusal of a place in an infant class may only succeed if it can be demonstrated that:-

- The admission of additional children would not breach the infant class size limit
- The admission arrangements did not comply with admissions law or had not been correctly and impartially applied and the child would have been offered a place if the arrangements had complied or had been correctly and impartially applied;
- The panel decides that the decision to refuse admission was not one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case.

Appeals must be lodged within a month of the date when notified of the decision. This gives parents time to prepare and lodge their written appeal.

Appeals submitted within this timeframe will be heard within 40 school days i.e. usually by mid-July.

Admission of children below compulsory school age

The governors will provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday. 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; parents may also request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents who are seeking a place for their child outside of their normal age group, eg. the child has experienced problems such as ill health or the parents of a summer born child choosing not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday, may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group - to Reception rather than Year 1.

Governors will make decisions on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group, and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. They will also take into account the views of the school's Headteacher. When informing a parent of the decision which year group the child should be admitted to, the Governors will set out clearly the reasons for their decision.

Waiting Lists

Parents of children who have not been offered a place at the school may ask for their child's name to be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list, which will be maintained for one year from the date of application, will be operated using the same admissions criteria listed above.

Placing a child's name on the waiting list does not guarantee that a place will become available. This does not prevent the parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place. It is possible that when a child is directed under the local authority's fair access protocol they will take precedence over those children on the list.

Late Applications

Any late applications will be considered by the Governors' Admissions Committee, in the event of there being any available places using the above criteria. If all places have been filled, parents will be offered the opportunity of placing their child's name on the waiting list.

This does not prevent parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place. This admissions procedure, although primarily relevant to children for whom a place is sought at the normal age of entry to primary education (Year R), will also apply to succeeding year, and be subject to availability of places.

Appendix I

Oriental Rite Churches in union with Rome

Alexandrian Coptic Catholic Church
Ethiopian Catholic Church ('Gheez rite') (Includes Eritrean Catholic Church) Antiochean (West Syrian)
Syrian Catholic Church
(Syro-) Maronite Catholic Church
Syro-Malankar Catholic Church Armenian

Armenian Catholic Church
Chaldean (East Syrian) Chaldean Catholic Church
Syro-Malabar Catholic Church Constantinopolitan (Byzantine)
Albanian (Byzantine) Catholic Church
Belarussian Catholic Church
Bulgarian (Byzantine) Catholic Church Georgian Catholic Church
Greek (Hellenic) Catholic Church Greek-Melakite Catholic Church
Hungarian (Byzantine) Catholic Church
Italo-Albanian (Byzantine) Catholic Church
Church of the Byzantines of the Diocese of Krizevci (Krizevci Catholic Church)
Macedonian Catholic Church
Romanian (Greek) Catholic Church
Russian Catholic Church
Ruthenian (Byzantine) Catholic Church
Slovak (Greek) Catholic Church
Ukrainian (Greek) Catholic Church

There are an equivalent number of Eastern Orthodox Churches with similar names that are not in union with the See of Rome. The general rule is Eastern Rite Churches in union with the See of Rome will have the word Catholic in their titles. Churches with the word Orthodox in their titles are not in union with the See of Rome and children from these Churches should be considered after Catholic children. Please refer any queries to the Commission.

Members of Churches Together in England

Antiochan Orthodox Church Baptist Union of Great Britain
Cherubim and Seraphim Council of Churches
Church of England
Church of God of Prophecy Church of Scotland (in England)
Congregational Federation Coptic Orthodox Church
Council of African and Caribbean Churches UK Council of Oriental Orthodox Churches Icthus Christian Fellowship
Independent Methodist Church
International Ministerial council of Great Britain Joint Council for Anglo-Caribbean Churches Lutheran Council of Great Britain
Methodist Church Moravian Church
New Testament Assembly New Testament Church of God
Oecumenical Patriarchate Religious Society of Friends Roman Catholic Church
Russian Orthodox Church Salvation Army
Transatlantic Pacific Alliance of Churches United Reformed Church Wesleyan holiness Church

We manage the information we collect in line with Data Protection Act requirements. Personal information is stored securely and only accessible by the necessary authorised staff when it's needed.

You can make a formal request in writing for personal information held about you or your child. Further information is contained within the schools Privacy Notice available to download from the school website, or in hard copy direct from the school office.

We have a duty under the Children's Act 2004 to work with partner organisations to provide and improve services to children and young people. It may be necessary to share information with other such organisations. We may also use information from your application to prevent and detect fraud.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Old Road, Crayford, Kent DA1 4DZ Tel: 01322 524162

Admissions Policy 2023/24

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is a voluntary aided school in the Diocese of Southwark. It is in the trusteeship of the Diocese of Southwark. The school is conducted by its governing body as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its Trust Deed and Instrument of Government, and seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ. The school exists primarily to serve the Catholic community and Catholic children always have priority of admission. However, the Governing Body welcomes all applications, particularly from those of other denominations and faiths who support the religious ethos of the school.

Having consulted with the Local Authority and other admission authorities, the Governors intend to admit into the reception class, in September 2023, 30 pupils (32 in our junior classes) without reference to ability or aptitude.

Where the number of applications exceeds 30, the Governors will offer places using the following criteria in the order stated:

1. Looked after Catholic children or looked after children in the care of Catholic families and previously looked after Catholic children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order. Including Catholic children who have previously been in state care outside of England and are now adopted.
2. Catholic children, a baptismal certificate or evidence of reception into the Catholic Church must accompany the supplementary information form.
3. Other looked after children and other previously looked after children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order. Including children who have previously been in state care outside of England and are now adopted.
4. Children who are members of Eastern Orthodox Churches. Evidence of Baptism will be required.
5. Children of families who are members of other Christian denominations. Evidence of Baptism (or dedication) provided by a priest or minister of a designated place of worship will be required.
6. Children who are members of other faiths. Evidence of membership of the faith provided by a priest, minister or religious leader of a designated place of worship will be required.
7. Any other children.

The following order of priorities will be applied when applications within any of the above categories exceed the places available and it is necessary to decide between applications:

- i. A brother or sister on the school roll at the time of admission. Evidence of the relationship may be required.
- ii. Living in the Parish of St Mary of the Cray's.
- iii. For Category 2 above - The strength of evidence of commitment to the Catholic faith as demonstrated by the level of the family's Mass attendance on Sundays over a period of not less than one year. This evidence must be provided by the parents/carers and be endorsed by priest at the church(es) where the family normally worship. Applications

will be ranked in the order shown on the Supplementary Form; Regular Attendance (weekly), Occasional Attendance (once or twice a month), Irregular Attendance (less than once a month).

iv. Social, pastoral and medical needs which make the school particularly suitable for the child in question. Strong and relevant evidence must be provided by an appropriate professional authority (eg qualified medical practitioner, education welfare officer, social worker or priest).

v. Proximity to the School of the Candidate's home address, the distance measured in a straight line from the School entrance by the Local Authority using a Geographical Computerised Information System. Evidence of residence may be required. Where the last remaining place is to be allocated and two or more children are deemed to live at the same distance from the school, the place will be decided by drawing lots.

Notes:

- a. Catholics include members of the Ordinariate and the Latin and Oriental Rite Churches that are in union with the Bishop of Rome.
- b. A "brother or sister" means children who live as brother and sister including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers or sisters. It would not include other relatives (eg cousins). Families are defined as being the child's natural or adoptive parents or officially designated carers. It would not include grandparents or other relatives unless they are officially designated carers.
- c. Home refers to the permanent home address at which the child lives for the majority of his/her time and with the parent who is in receipt of child benefit.
- d. Looked after children are those in the care of a public authority and are in public care. Applications made under this criterion must be accompanied by details of circumstance and professionally supported evidence (eg from an appropriate social worker).
- e. A map of the parish boundary is available from the school office.

Admissions Procedure

If you live in Bexley, you should complete the Bexley Primary Common Application Form either online or on paper. If you do not live in Bexley, you must apply on your own local authority's application form. You can apply for schools in Bexley on that form.

To make an application for a school place, if you are a resident of London Borough of Bexley, you can apply online at www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions or www.eadmissions.org.uk If you prefer, you can obtain a paper Primary Common Application Form from any Bexley primary school.

In addition, we require the completion of a Supplementary Information Form. This is available from either the School Office or the school website www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk and the paper copy must be returned to St Joseph's with the relevant information required. If the Supplementary Information Form is not completed, the governing body of the school will only be able to consider the application after all applicants who have completed a Supplementary Information Form.

Offers of places will be sent to parents on the common offer date as notified by the Local Authority.

Appeals

Parents whose applications for places are unsuccessful may appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel set up in accordance with section 85(3) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing and must set out the reasons on which the appeal is made. Appeals should be made to the Admissions Appeal Clerk at the school address. Parents/Carers have the right to make oral representations to the Appeal Panel.

Infant classes are restricted by the legislation to 30 children. Parents should be aware that an appeal against refusal of a place in an infant class may only succeed if it can be demonstrated that:

- the admission of additional children would not breach the infant class size limit; or
- the admission arrangements did not comply with admissions law or had not been correctly and impartially applied and the child would have been offered a place if the arrangements had complied or had been correctly and impartially applied; or
- the panel decides that the decision to refuse admission was not one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents who are seeking a place for their child outside of their normal age group, eg, the child has experienced problems such as ill health or the parents of a summer born child preferring not to send their child to school until the September following their fifth birthday, may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to reception rather than year 1. This needs to be put in writing with the application and submitted by the closing date.

Governors will make decisions on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group, and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. They will also take into account the views of the school's head teacher. When informing a parent of the decision which year group the child should be admitted to, the governors will set out clearly the reasons for their decision.

Where the governors agree to a parent's request for their child to be admitted out of their normal age group and, as a consequence of that decision, the child will be admitted to the age group to which pupils are normally admitted to the school the local authority will process the application as part of the main admissions round, (unless the parental request is made too late for this to be possible) and on the basis of the determined admission arrangements, including the application of oversubscription criteria where applicable. Parents have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. This right does not apply if they are offered a place at the school but it is not in their preferred age group.

Waiting Lists

Parents of children who have not been offered a place at the school may ask for their child's name to be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list, which will be maintained for one academic year, will be operated using the same admissions criteria listed above. Placing a child's name on the waiting list does not guarantee that a place will become available. This does not prevent parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place. It is possible that when a child is directed under the local

authority's fair access protocol they will take precedence over those children already on the list.

Late Applications

Any late applications will be considered by the Governors' Admissions Committee, in the event of there being any available places, using the above criteria. If all places have been filled, parents will be offered the opportunity of placing their child's name on the waiting list. This does not prevent parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place.

In Year Admissions

This admissions procedure, although primarily relevant to children for whom a place is sought at the normal age of entry to primary education (Year R), applies also to succeeding years, subject to availability of places.

St Michael's East Wickham Church of England Primary School

Wrotham Road, Welling, Kent DA16 1LS Tel: 020 8303 3287

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How to apply

The Governing Body is responsible for the admission of pupils to St Michael's East Wickham CE Primary School. The School is part of the locally agreed co-ordination scheme and the timescales for applications to be received and processed are those agreed with the Local Authority.

For applications in the normal admissions round you should use the application form provided by your home local authority (regardless of which local authority the schools are in). You can use this form to express your preference in rank order. Parents living in the London Borough of Bexley may apply online by visiting www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions. Alternatively, the Bexley Primary Common Application Form will be available from the Contact Centre at the Civic Offices, 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath DA6 7AT. The form must be completed and returned to the Local Authority. If you live out of borough (eg, Greenwich) you should follow the same procedure but complete a Common Application Form from the Local Authority for the area in which you live, naming this School as one of your preferences.

For all applications, a Supplementary Information Form for St Michael's CE School must also be completed and handed in to the School. This can be obtained from either the Church or from the School Office. The form is also available to download from the School website www.stmichaels-eastwickham-ce-school.co.uk.

This form must be completed even if the Common Application Form is completed online. The Supplementary Information Form on its own does not count as an application form and will not be considered as such. For applications under criterion 4(a), part two of the supplementary form must be signed by the Vicar of St Michael's Church on a Sunday at the beginning and end of the year leading up to your application.

You will receive an offer for a school place directly from your local authority.

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Requests for admission outside the normal age group

Parents are entitled to request a place for their child outside of their normal age group. Further details of how to make such a request are available from the School. Parents/carers must state clearly why they feel admission to a different year group is in the child's best interests and provide any supporting evidence they would like the School to consider.

Decisions on requests for admission outside the normal age group will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. In accordance with the School Admissions Code, this will include taking account of:

- Parents' views
- Information about the child's academic, social and emotional development
- Where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional
- Whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group
- Whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely
- The headteacher's views

Wherever possible, requests for admission outside a child's normal age group will be processed as part of the main admissions round. They will be considered on the basis of the admission arrangements laid out in this policy, including the oversubscription criteria listed in section 6. Applications will not be treated as a lower priority if parents have made a request for a child to be admitted outside the normal age group.

Parents will always be informed of the reasons for any decision on the year group a child should be admitted to. Parents do not have a right to appeal if they are offered a place at the school but it is not in their preferred age group.

Allocation of places

Admission number - The school has an agreed admission number of 30 pupils for entry in reception class.

Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans

Parents of pupils who have an EHC Plan are required to apply for school places separately through the Local Authority, from whom further advice is available. If a child with an EHC Plan is placed in the School by the Local Authority before the normal admissions round, the number of places available to other applicants will be reduced.

Oversubscription criteria

If the school is not oversubscribed, all applicants will be offered a place.

In the event that the school receives more applications than the number of places it has available, places will be given to those children who meet any of the criteria set out below, in order until all places are filled.

1. Highest priority will be given to looked after children and all previously looked after children who apply for a place at the school.
2. Priority will next be given to children of staff at the school, in either of the following circumstances:

a) The member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, or

b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

3. Priority will next be given to children on the basis of exceptional social or medical need. The school defines social and medical need as the child, or one or both parents, having a medical condition or disability, which would cause significant hardship if the child could not attend this school. The school will require supporting evidence at the time of application in the form of a doctor's letter or certificate, which sets out why it is felt that this School is best able to meet those needs.
4. (a) Children whose families are faithful and regular worshippers at St Michael's East Wickham Church, Upper Wickham Lane.

Faithful and regular worship means those children, one or more of whose parents or legal guardians attend Parish Eucharistic services at least twice a month at St Michael's Church and have done so for at least a year prior to the application closing date. This must be verified by the Parish Priest on the supplementary form, which must be signed at the beginning and end of the year preceding the application.

(b) Children whose families are faithful and regular worshippers at any other Church of England or Anglican Church and for whom the school is the nearest Church school to their home address.

Faithful and regular worship means those children, one or more of whose parents or legal guardians attend services at least twice a month, and have done so for at least a year prior to the closing date for applications. Applicants must provide verification by asking their minister to complete the relevant section of the supplementary form

5. Priority will next be given to children with siblings who will be attending the school at the time the child is due for admission. Siblings include step siblings, foster siblings, adopted siblings and other children living permanently at the same address whose parents are living as partners at the same address. Priority will not be given to children with siblings who are former pupils of the school. Places will be offered in order of the age of the sibling – youngest first
6. Any other children.

Tie break

In the case of 2 or more applications that cannot be separated by the oversubscription criteria outlined above, the school will use the distance between the school and a child's home as a tie breaker to decide between applicants. Priority will be given to children who live closest to the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to the school's front gates on Wrotham Road. A child's home address will be considered to be the address of the parent or legal guardian with whom he/she is resident for the majority of nights in a normal school week.

Where the distance between 2 children's homes and the school is the same, the Admissions Committee will draw lots.

Children below compulsory school age – deferred entry

Where children below compulsory school age are offered a place at the school, they will be entitled to attend the school full-time in the September following their fourth birthday.

Parents may defer their child's entry to the school until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which the child reaches compulsory school age, and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year the offer was made for.

Where the parents wish, children may attend part-time until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age. Parents/carers who have been offered a place at the School and who wish to defer entry for their child and/or attend part-time must put this in writing to the Head Teacher at the earliest opportunity and before the start of the autumn term.

In-year admissions

You can apply for a place for your child at any time outside the normal admissions round. If there are spaces available in the year group you are applying for, your child will always be offered a place.

If there are no spaces available at the time of your application, your child's name will be added to a waiting list for the relevant year group. When a space becomes available it will be filled by one of the pupils on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria listed in section 6.2 of this policy. Priority will not be given to children on the basis that they have been on the waiting list the longest.

Parents are advised that an application form and supplementary form will still need to be completed and returned to the London Borough of Bexley and the School respectively.

Appeals

If your child's application for a place at the school is unsuccessful, you will be informed why admission was refused and given information about the process for hearing appeals. If you wish to appeal, you should obtain an appeal form from the school and also complete the form attached to the letter regarding your child's non-admittance. The form should be sent to reach the Clerk to the Appeal Panel, care of the School, within 20 school days of the date of the letter confirming the Governors' decision not to offer a place. If an appeal is 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, but the child can be placed on the waiting list.

Fair Access

The School is committed to taking its fair share of pupils who are hard to place in accordance with the locally agreed fair access protocol. Pupils admitted under the protocol will take priority over any children on the waiting list and this may include, on occasion, going over the planned admission number.

Late applications

The School will consider late applications in accordance with the Local Authority's coordinated scheme.

Definitions

The normal admissions round is the period during which parents can apply for state-funded school places at the school's normal point of entry, using the common application form provided by their home local authority.

Looked after children are children who, at the time of making an application to a school, are:

- In the care of a local authority, or
- Being provided with accommodation by a local authority in exercise of its social services functions

Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they:

- Were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 or the Adoption and Children Act 2002, or
- Became subject to a child arrangements order, or
- Became subject to a special guardianship order

A child reaches compulsory school age on the prescribed day following his or her fifth birthday (or on his or her fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 December, 31 March and 31 August.

St Paulinus CE Primary School

Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, Kent DA1 4RW Tel: 01322 523236

Admissions policy 2023/24

St Paulinus C E Primary School has a distinctive Christian ethos which is at the heart of the school. The values that inform the life and relationships of the school are those of Christian faith nurturing children's spiritual growth.

We welcome applicants from all members of the community and we ask all parents to respect the Christian ethos of our school and its importance to the community.

The Governing body of St Paulinus CE Primary School is solely responsible for admissions to the School and intends to admit thirty children, born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, to the reception class in the school year 2023-2024. This number is consistent with maximum infant class legislation.

There will be one admission date for all reception children in September 2023.

For Bexley residents

Applications **must** be made on the Bexley Common Application Form (CAF) online which must be submitted by 15 January 2023. A supplementary form must also be completed along with the clerical reference form, where applicable, which will be available from St Paulinus School in September 2022 and must be returned to the school by 15 January 2023 with evidence of address and the child's date of birth. The supplementary form on its own does not count as an application and will not be considered as such.

For non Bexley residents

Applications **must** be made on the Common Application Form from the Local Authority in which you live and returned to them by the closing date.

A supplementary form must also be completed along with the clerical reference form, where applicable, which will be available from St Paulinus School in September 2022 and must be returned to the school by 15 January 2023 with evidence of address and the child's date of birth. The supplementary form on its own does not count as an application and will not be considered as such.

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Applications received after 15 January 2023 and applications received without the supplementary form will be considered under category 6 of the over subscription criteria listed below.

Parents will be notified of decisions on the common date as notified by the LEA

Oversubscription Criteria

If the number of applications for admission into the school exceeds 30, the Governors will apply the following criteria, in the order set out below, until there are no places remaining.

These criteria are reviewed annually by the Governing Body, and due consultation is carried out with the Diocesan Board of Education, the Local Education Authority, the neighbouring admission authorities and schools.

1. A child who is in the care of the Local Authority or provided with accommodation by that authority in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989 or any child who was previously in the care of the Local Authority and who is now adopted, subject of a Residence Order or Special Guardianship Order.

A letter from the Children's Services Department confirming the child's status must be submitted at the time of application.
2. Children of parents who have been regular worshippers (regular worshippers are defined as parents who attend twice monthly) for at least 12 months at St Paulinus Church, Crayford AND who:
 - a) live in the ecclesiastical parishes of St Paulinus (see map on school website) or:
 - b) will have a sibling attending the school at the date of admission

Please note: places offered in this category will be allocated firstly to siblings and then based on the nearest geographical distance from the school by measuring straight line distance from the school to the home address of the child/parent.

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

3. Children who live in the ecclesiastical parish of St Paulinus.

Please note: places offered in this category will be allocated firstly to siblings and then based on the nearest geographical distance from the school by measuring straight line distance from the school to the home address of the child/parent.

4. Children who will have a sibling attending the school at the date of admission.

Please note: places offered in this category will be allocated based on the nearest geographical distance from the school by measuring straight line distance from the school to the home address of the child/parent.

5. Children of parents who are regular worshippers of any Christian church that is part of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

Please note: places offered in this category will be allocated based on the nearest geographical distance from the school

by measuring straight line distance from the school to the home address of the child/parent.

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

6. Children of parents who wish their child to attend St Paulinus Church School.

Please note: places offered in this category will be allocated based on the nearest geographical distance from the school by measuring straight line distance from the school to the home address of the child/parent

Notes on the criteria:

Criterion 2 and 5 – applicants must provide a clerical reference for criterion 2 and 5.

Criterion 2, 3 and 4 – for the purpose of this criterion a 'sibling' is a child who lives at the same address as the child for whom a place is being requested, and is one of the following:

- Children living at the same address who have one or both natural parents in common
- Children living at the same address who are related by a parent's marriage
- Children living at the same address whose parents are living as partners at this address
- We do not include 'cousins' within the definition of sibling
- Children who are adopted/fostered with supporting evidence.

General notes applying to all criteria:

In the unlikely event of over-subscription and only one place remains, but two families meet the same criteria, a tie-breaker will be introduced. On this occasion both names would be put into a random lot and one name drawn out.

Pupils with an Education Health and Care Plan

The admission of pupils with an Education Health and Care Plan is dealt with by a completely separate procedure. Details of this procedure are set out in the Special Education Needs Code of Practice.

Oversubscription within a category:

If the Governing Body is required to make a decision between applications in any given category, the criterion of nearness to home to school will be the deciding factor. Proof of residence will be required in the form of a recent Council Tax letter or Rent Agreement.

The term 'home' and family shall be defined as the permanent residence of the child and:

- Both parents living together; or
- The parent with legal custody, or
- The parent with whom the child habitually lives, or
- The legally appointed guardians.

In-Year Admissions:

Casual Admissions are for children moving into the area or transferring from another school outside the normal admission round. The school's admission committee will only consider filling casual admission places if class sizes drop below 30 pupils, unless the applicant qualifies under criteria 1. Application and Supplementary forms will still need to be completed and the Admission Criteria will be applied.

St Paul's (Slade Green) Primary School

Slade Green Road, Erith, DA8 2HX Tel: 01322 334 689

Admissions policy 2023/24

All parents/guardians applying for places for their children at St Paul's (Slade Green) C of E Primary School are expected to respect the Christian ethos of the school.

Reception

The published admission number for the school is 60; therefore the Governing Body will offer up to 60 pupils a place in our Reception class in the academic year 2023-24.

Children are admitted to the Reception class in the school year in which they have their fifth birthday. All pupils born from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 can start in a Reception class in September 2023. Compulsory school age is the beginning of the school term after the child's fifth birthday. Parents / guardians of Reception age children have the right to deferment of entry or to take the place up part time, until the term in which the child reaches compulsory school age

Parents / guardians of gifted and talented children, or of children who have experienced problems or missed part of a year, for example due to ill health, can seek places outside their normal age group. In addition, the parents / guardians of a summer born child may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to Reception rather than Year 1. Parents / guardians should write, in the first instance, to the Principal, explaining their reasons.

It is not an automatic right to choose this option and decisions will be made by the admission authority on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. To determine this the following will be taken into account: the parent's / guardian's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. The views of the Principal of the school will also be taken into account. When informing a parent of their decision on the year group the child should be admitted to, the admission authority will set out clearly the reasons for the decision.

Where the admission authority agrees to a parent's / guardian's request for their child to be admitted out of their normal age group and, as a consequence of that decision, the child will be admitted to a relevant age group (i.e. the age group to which pupils are normally admitted to the school) the local authority and admission authority will process the application as part of the main admissions round, unless the parental request

is made too late for this to be possible, and on the basis of their determined admission arrangements only, including the application of oversubscription criteria where applicable. They will not give the application lower priority on the basis that the child is being admitted out of their normal age group. Parents / guardians have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. This right does not apply if they are offered a place at the school but it is not in their preferred age group.

Applications for admission are welcomed from all parents / guardians. However, parents / guardians must note that evidence is needed for some admission criteria should the school receive more than 60 applications. The Governing Body is required to abide by the maximum limit of 30 pupils per class for infant classes (5, 6 and 7 year olds).

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an EHC plan which names the school are given priority before the criteria are applied.

Nursery

The published admission number for the Nursery is 52 part-time places (26 full-time equivalent). However, in order to accommodate requests from working parents who are eligible for 30 hours free childcare per week, a combination of part-time and full-time places will be offered (For further information, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>). Such requests will be subject to negotiation and the number of places available; therefore, the Governing Body will offer a combination of part-time and full-time places up to a maximum of 52 part-time places or full-time equivalent. Please contact the school directly for further information regarding our possible extended provision.

Children are admitted to Nursery when they are 3 or 4 years old, in the year before they are due to start Reception. All pupils born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 can start in Nursery in September 2023

Application Procedures and Timetable

Parents / guardians will be required to complete the Common Application Form available from their Home Authority. The CAF will be available online, or from any Primary School or the School Admissions Team at their Home Authority from 1 September 2022. Parents / guardians may express up to six preferences for primary schools on the CAF. To be treated as "on time" the CAF must be returned to the school shown as the first preference, with documenting evidence of address and child's date of birth, by 15 January 2023

In addition to the CAF supplied by the Home Authority, the **Supplementary Information Form** available from the school must be completed and sent to the School Secretary not later than the closing date published by the Home Authority. If parents / guardians do not complete and return the **Supplementary Information Form** to the school by the closing date set for the return of the CAF, the application will be considered under oversubscription criterion 6 (if they have siblings in the school) or 7 (if they do not have siblings in the school).

For Nursery applications, families who live in the borough of Bexley can apply online for the nursery class from 16 January 2023 at www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions to 6 April 2023. Paper application forms will be available on request for Bexley residents who are unable to apply online, and for families living

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outside the Bexley borough, by emailing schooladmissions@bexley.gov.uk from 16 January 2023. Residents of other boroughs must complete a paper application form, as the online system is only open to Bexley residents. Completed paper application forms should be returned to the school shown as the first preference, or sent by post or taken in person to the School Admissions Team, Civic Offices, 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath DA6 7AT. When applying, parents must include evidence of their address and their child's date of birth.

Offers of places will be sent to parents on the common offer date as notified by the Home Authority. The national offer day for Reception is 16 April each year, but as this falls on a weekend in 2023 it will be the next working day: 17 April 2023. The Bexley Authority offer for Nursery is made on 16 May each year, unless this falls on a weekend in which case it would be the next working day.

Oversubscription Criteria (Reception)

If the school is oversubscribed the following criteria will be applied in order. These oversubscription criteria have been devised in accordance with the School Admissions Code.

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an EHC Plan which names the school are given priority before the criteria are applied.

1. Children in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care (defined as children under the age of 18 years for whom the local authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or who ceased to be so because they became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order under Part IV of the Act) or children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children of parents / guardians who regularly attend a Church of England Church with their family (Notes B, C, D. See also Footnote 1):

Priority One: St Augustine's Church, Slade Green Road, Slade Green, DA8 2HX

Priority Two: any other Church of England Church
3. Children of members of St Paul's (Slade Green) CofE Primary School staff in either or both of the following circumstances:
 - Where the member of staff has been employed by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Children of parents / guardians who regularly attend a Church which is a member of Churches Together in England, or the Evangelical Alliance (Notes B, C, D. See also Footnote 1).
5. Children of parents / guardians who regularly attend their place of worship from another faith (Notes B, C, D. See also Footnote 1).
6. Children who have siblings in the school at the time of admission. If oversubscription occurs within this category, places will be offered in order of the age of the sibling – youngest first.
7. Places still available after the previous criteria have been applied, will be offered to children living nearest to the school measured by a straight line from the school gate, which has

been approved by the governors, to the child's home address. Distance will be measured using Ordnance Survey address point data as supplied by the Local Authority. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

Notes

- A: Where a distinction has to be made within the above categories, then the following criteria will be used to determine priority within each category:
- a. Children who have siblings in the main school at the time of admission for subscription criteria 1 to 5. If oversubscription occurs within this category, places will be offered in order of the age of the sibling – youngest first.
 - b. Those living nearest to the school measured by a straight line from the school gate, which has been approved by the governors, to the child's home address.
- B: Regular attendance is defined as attending worship at least twice a month, over a minimum of twelve months. Please also see Footnote 1
- C: It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure that they make their regular attendance known to the church clergy (or church leader/religious leaders) in order to support their declaration. Church clergy (or church leader/religious leader) will advise of ways to do this. Evidence will be required on the **Supplementary Information Form** completed by the parents / guardians and the church clergy (or church leader/religious leader). It must be completed and returned to the school by the published closing date. Please see also Footnote 1
- D: If the family has moved to the area or has moved to a different Church within the previous year, the applicant should provide clergy references for all churches attended during the previous year by completing the appropriate section of the **Supplementary Information Form**. Please see also Footnote 1
- E: For the purpose of this criterion, a 'sibling' is a child who lives at the same address as the child for whom a place is being requested, and is one of the following:
- The brother or sister
 - The half-brother or half-sister
 - The step-brother or step-sister (i.e. related by parent's marriage)
 - Any other child for whom it can be demonstrated that he/she is residing permanently at the same address (e.g. under the terms of a residence order or Foster-care plan).
- F: The home address will be taken as the child's home address on 15th January 2023, unless there is a qualifying change of address by 9th February 2023. It must be the address at which the child lives with the parent or registered guardian, who is the main carer. Where there are shared responsibilities for the child, and as a consequence the child lives at two different addresses during the week, the home address will be regarded as the one at which the child sleeps for the majority of weekdays.
- After offers of places have been made, a waiting list is drawn up according to our oversubscription criteria, in accordance with the DfE School Admissions Code - December 2014.

For Nursery applications the home address will be taken as the child's home address on 6th April 2023. Please note that for Nursery places, the London Borough of Bexley prioritises Bexley residents over out of Borough residents.

In year admissions

Applications for in year admissions will be considered by the Governing Body having regard to the Admissions Policy stated above and according to whether places are available in the appropriate year group. If a place cannot be offered at this time, then you may ask us for the reasons and you will be informed of your right of appeal. You will be offered the opportunity of being placed on a waiting list as outlined above.

Appeals

Parents / guardians have the right to appeal if their child is not offered a place at the school. They should do so in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the School, within 14 days of hearing that their child has not been allocated a place. An independent appeals panel will then be convened to hear the appeal.

There is no right of appeal regarding Nursery places.

Footnote 1: Please note the following variation which clarifies how church attendance is calculated in the current circumstances: In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church [or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church [or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School

Baugh Road, Rectory Lane, Sidcup, Kent DA14 5ED
Tel: 020 8302 6029

Arrangements for Admission 2023-24

- During the Autumn/Spring Term, the Primary Common Application form is available on the London Borough of Bexley website. The St Peter Chanel Supplementary Information Form is available to download on our school website (www.st-peterchanel.bexley.sch.uk) for all interested parents/carers of children who are due to start school in September 2023 (children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019). Please refer to and read carefully the "Admission to Primary Schools in Bexley" booklet available on the London Borough of Bexley website, which parents/carers are also sent.
- The St Peter Chanel Supplementary Information Form can be obtained from the School Office or downloaded from the school website from 1 September 2022 and before 15 January 2023. Once completed the Supplementary Form is required to be submitted to the school with the child's Baptismal Certificate and proof of residence. The Baptismal Certificate and proof of residence will be copied and then returned to you. The closing date for these Supplementary Information Forms and supporting documentation to be returned to the school is 15 January 2023.

- All applications are considered by the Governors' Admissions Committee in the late Spring/early Summer Term before your child starts school. **Admissions are made in strict accordance with the criteria set out in our Admissions Policy.**
- Applications received after 15 January 2023 will be deemed to be 'late' applications and dealt with by the Governors' Casual Admissions Committee.
- The Local Authority will advise parents/carers if a place has been offered on 17 April 2023. Upon receipt of your confirmation that a place has been offered to your child, evidence of your child's Birth Certificate will be required by the school. If this is not available, you will need to provide alternative evidence of your child's date of birth.
- In the half term before your child starts school, there will be an Induction session and opportunity for parents/carers and children to come to school to meet with other new parents/carers and their children. Children will spend some time in their new classroom meeting the teacher and other Foundation Stage children.

Admissions Policy

St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School is a Voluntary Aided School in the Diocese of Southwark. It is in the trusteeship of the Diocese. The school is conducted by its Governing Body as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its Trust Deed and Instrument of Government and seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ. St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School was founded by the Catholic Church to provide education for children of Catholic families. The school exists primarily to serve the Catholic community and Catholic children always have priority of admission. However, the Governing Body also welcomes applications, subject to the availability of places, from those of other denominations and faiths who support the religious ethos of the school.

Having consulted with the Local Authority, the Diocese and other admission authorities, the Governors intend to admit into the Reception Year in September 2023, children born between 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019, 30 pupils without reference to ability or aptitude.

Parents must apply online by visiting
www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions.

Applications must be made online on the Common Application Form (CAF) for the local authority where the child lives. The Bexley Primary CAF will be available on the London Borough of Bexley website from 1 September 2022. The form must be submitted online by 15 January 2023, together with evidence of address. Parents living outside Bexley have to complete an application form available from their home authority. Parents can include Bexley Primary schools on that form.

In addition to the CAF supplied by the LA, the Supplementary Information Form available from our school or online should be completed and sent to the School Office by the priest, minister or faith leader not later than the closing date published by the LA. **This should be done even if the CAF is completed online.** If the Supplementary Information Form is not completed, the Governing Body of the School will only be able to consider the application after all applicants who have completed a Supplementary Information Form.

Whenever there are more applications than places available, priority will always be given to Catholic applicants in accordance

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with the over subscription criteria listed below. Applicants' attention is drawn to the aims and ethos of the school outlined above.

The Governing Body has responsibility for admissions to our school and intends to admit 30 pupils to the Reception class in the school year, which begins in September 2023.

Infant Class Sizes

The law requires that infant pupils have to be taught in classes of no more than 30 pupils. The admission number for each school has been set to ensure it is possible for schools to meet this requirement. Our admission number is 30.

Priority (*Please read this carefully!*)

The order of priority is applied to each of the criteria in turn. This means that while we would wish to admit children of families already in school, the presence of an older brother or sister at our school, does not guarantee an automatic right of admission to your child for whom you are seeking admission. If there are more applications than the 30 places available, the oversubscription criteria will be applied in the order stated in our Admissions Policy.

Children attending our Pre-School do not have an automatic right of admission to our school. Application for admission to our school must be made in accordance with our Admissions Policy.

'In Year' Casual Admissions

Applications for places at our school in-year must be made using the Common Application Form (CAF) of the Local Authority (LA) where the child resides. This form must be returned to the school. The school's Supplementary Information Form should be completed to enable the Governors to rank the application in the event of there being more than one application for a place. The Governors will use the same criteria to rank the application as that listed above. The offer of a place at the school will be made by the LA on behalf of the Governors. In the event of the Governors deciding that a place cannot be offered parents will be offered the opportunity of placing their child's name on the waiting list. This does not prevent the parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place.

Admission of children below compulsory school age

The Governors will provide for the admission of all children to a full-time place in the September following their fourth birthday. 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; parents may also request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents who are seeking a place for their child outside of their normal age group, e.g. the child has experienced problems such as ill health or the parents of a summer born child choosing not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday, may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to Reception rather than Year 1.

Governors will make decisions on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional;

whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group, and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. They will also take into account the views of the school's Headteacher. When informing a parent of the decision which year group the child should be admitted to, the Governors will set out clearly the reasons for their decision.

Where the Governors agree to a parent's request for their child to be admitted out of their normal age group and, as a consequence of that decision, the child will be admitted to the age group to which pupils are normally admitted to the school. The Local Authority will process the application as part of the main admissions round, (unless the parental request is made too late for this to be possible) and on the basis of the determined admission arrangements, including the application of oversubscription criteria where applicable. Parents have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. This right does not apply if they are offered a place at the school, but it is not in their preferred age group.

Waiting List

Parents of children who have not been offered a place at our school may ask for their child's name to be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list, which will be maintained up to 31 July 2024, will be operated using the same admissions criteria listed above. Placing a child's name on the waiting list does not guarantee that a place will become available. This does not prevent the parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place. It is possible that when a child is directed under the LA Fair Access Protocol, they will take precedence over those children on the list.

Parents whose applications for places are unsuccessful may appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel set up in accordance with Section 85(3) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing and must set out the reasons on which the appeal is made. Appeals should be made to the Admissions Appeal Clerk at the school address. Parents/carers have the right to make oral representations to the Appeal Panel.

Infant classes are restricted by the legislation to 30 children. Parents should be aware that an appeal against refusal of a place in an infant class may only succeed if it can be demonstrated that:

- the admission of additional children would not breach the infant class size limit; or
- the admission arrangements did not comply with admissions law or had not been correctly and impartially applied and the child would have been offered a place if the arrangements had complied or had been correctly and impartially applied; or
- the panel decides that the decision to refuse admission was not one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case.

Late Applications

Any late applications will be considered by the Governors Admission Committee, in the event of there being any available places, using the above criteria. If all places have been filled, parents will be offered the opportunity of placing their child's name on the waiting list. This does not prevent parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority.

** (See attached notes & Supplementary Information Form)*

1. 'Looked after Catholic children or looked after children in the care of Catholic families, looked after Catholic children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order and Catholic children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and cease to be in state care outside of England as a result of being adopted.
2. Baptised Catholic children.
3. Looked after children, looked after children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order and children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and cease to be in state care outside of England as a result of being adopted.
4. Children enrolled in the Catechumenate*. Evidence of enrolment in the Catechumenate will be required.
5. Children who are members of Eastern Orthodox Churches*. Evidence of Baptism will be required.
6. Non-baptised children of Catholic parents desirous of obtaining a Catholic education for their child provided that such application is supported in writing by a Parish Priest.
7. Christian children of other Christian denominations, (whose church is a member of Churches Together in England)*. Evidence of Baptism (or Dedication) and of religious commitment provided by a priest or minister; where the family regularly worship, will be required.
8. Any other children.

Where the offer of places to all the applicants in any of the categories listed above would lead to oversubscription the following provisions will be applied.

- a) For Category 2 above - The strength of evidence of commitment to the faith as demonstrated by the level of the child's Mass attendance on Sundays. This evidence must be provided by the parents/carers and be endorsed by a priest at the church(es) where the child normally worships. Ranked in accordance with our supplementary form; firstly, those who attend Mass every week, most weeks (3 out of 4) some weeks (2 out of 4), occasionally (1 out of 4) and seldom.
- b) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of application within each category. Evidence of the relationship may be required. Brother or sister means children who live as brother and sister; including natural brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers or sisters.
- c) Living in the parish of St Lawrence of Canterbury, Sidcup, Kent or in the Parish of St. John Fisher, Bexley, Kent.
- d) Social, pastoral and medical needs which make the school particularly suitable for the child in question at the time of application. Strong and relevant evidence must be provided by an appropriate professional authority (e.g. priest, qualified medical practitioner; education welfare officer; social worker).

Where the offer of places to all the applicants in any of the sub-categories listed above would still lead to oversubscription, the places up to the admission number will be offered to those children

- e) living nearest to the school. Distance will be measured by the straight-line calculation provided by the Local Authority. Home refers to the permanent home address at which the child lives for the majority of his/her time and with the parent who is in receipt of child benefit.

Pupils with an Education and Health Care Plan naming St Peter Chanel Catholic School

The admission of pupils with an Education and Health Care Plan naming the school is dealt with by a completely separate procedure. This procedure is integral to the making and maintaining EHCPs by the pupil's home Local Authority. Details of the separate procedure is set out in the Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) Code of Practice. Pupils with an EHC Plan naming the school will be admitted without reference to the above criteria.

** Notes (these notes form part of the oversubscription criteria)*

- 'Looked after child' has the same meaning as in Section 22(1) of the Children's Act 1989 that is a child who is:
 - (a) In the care of a local authority; or
 - (b) Being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. Children with foster parents) at the time of making the application. A previously looked after child is a child who was looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order.
- 'Catholics' include children baptised or received into the Church and members of the Ordinariate and the Latin and Oriental Rite Churches that are in union with the Bishop of Rome. Reference to other Christian denominations refers to denominations that are full members of Churches Together in England.

https://www.cte.org.uk/Groups/234772/Home/Contacts/Member_Churches_list/Member_Churches_list.aspx

- 'Practising Catholic' means Catholic children from practising Catholic families who habitually worship at Mass on a regular basis (as set out in Part A and Part B of the Supplementary Information Form in the section 'How often do you attend Mass?') and where the application is supported by a Catholic priest. The Governing Body will expect this practice to be verified by a Supplementary Information Form from a priest in the standard format laid down by the Diocese. Those attending more regularly will be given priority over those who attend less frequently.
- 'Catechumen' means a member of the Catechumenate of the Catholic Church. This will normally be evidenced by a Certificate of Reception into the Order of Catechumens.
- Demonstrate an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can be most appropriately met at this school. The Governing Body will normally require written evidence from an appropriate professional, such as a social worker, doctor or priest. Claims for this priority made after the closing date will not be considered.
- The Governing Body will deal with late (those submitted after 15 January 2023) and all other applications during the school year with delegated powers to the Admissions Committee and in strict accordance with the Governors Admissions Policy.

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Tie Break

Where the last remaining place is to be allocated and two or more children are deemed to live at the same distance from the school, the place will be decided by the drawing of lots.

St Stephen's Catholic Primary School

Ruskin Avenue, Welling, Kent DA16 3QG Tel: 020 8303 9738

Admissions Policy 2023/24

St. Stephen's is a Catholic primary school. It is voluntary aided and intended for the education of Catholic children. Parents of those admitted to the school will be expected to give unqualified support to the very specific aims and ethos of a Catholic school.

The School is conducted by its Governors as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its trust and deed and instrument of government, and seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ.

Consideration of admission to the school will be dealt with in accordance with the following procedure and criteria.

Please note: The order of priority is applied to each of the criteria in turn. This means that while we would wish to admit children of families already in the school, the presence of an older brother or sister in the school does not guarantee an automatic right of admission for your child.

- 1 (a) Responsibility for the admission of pupils to the school rests with the Governors.
(b) Application for admission to the school shall be made on the Primary Common Application Form (PCAF) for the local authority where your child lives. You should also complete the Supplementary Information Form. Both of which are available from the school and on the Bexley Borough website.
Completion of a Supplementary Information Form is not mandatory; however, if one is not received the Governors will not be able to apply their admission criteria and the application will be considered under the 'any other children' category. Offers of places will be made by the local authority where you live on the national agreed date published in the local authority booklet.
(c) The Governors may seek such information from applicants and may make such enquiries as they think fit for the purpose of considering the application and, in particular, will seek proof of address and baptism, and a statement of religious practice from an applicant's parish priest/minister of religion.
- 2 (a) The Governors intend to admit 60 children for the Year 1st September 2023 - 31st August 2024 (b) The Supplementary Form, together with the baptismal certificate and proof of the child's address, must be returned to the School by 15th January 2023.
- 3 If there are more than 60 applications, the applicants will be ranked according to the following criteria:
 - i Looked after Catholic children or looked after children in the care of Catholic families and previously looked after children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order.
 - ii Baptised Catholic children resident within the parish of St. Stephen's Welling who attend Mass regularly; as verified by their Parish Priest;

iii Baptised Catholic children resident in other Catholic parishes who attend Mass regularly; as verified by their Parish Priest;

iv Other Baptised Catholic children resident in the Catholic parish of St. Stephen's, Welling;

v Other Baptised Catholic children resident in other Catholic parishes;

vi Other looked after children and other previously looked after children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order.

vii Children who are members of Eastern Orthodox Churches. Evidence of Baptism will be required;

viii Children resident in the Catholic parish of St. Stephen's, Welling, who are members of other Christian denominations that are part of Churches Together in England or the Evangelical Alliance. Evidence of Baptism (or dedication) provided by a priest or minister of designated place of worship will be required

; ix Children resident in the Catholic parish of St. Stephen's, Welling, who are members of other Christian denominations.

Evidence of Baptism (or dedication) provided by a priest or minister of designated place of worship will be required;

x Children resident in the Catholic parish of St. Stephen's, Welling, who are members of another religious faith. Evidence of membership provided by a priest, minister or religious leader of a designated place of worship will be required;

xi Any other children.

4 When applications within any of the above categories exceeds the places available within that category, the following order of priorities will apply:

a) the presence of a brother or sister in the school at the time of admission;

b) Social and medical needs which make the school particularly suitable for the child in question. Strong relevant evidence must be provided by an appropriate professional authority eg qualified medical practitioner, education welfare officer, social worker or priest;

c) The proximity of the child's home to the school measured as a straight line from the home to the main gate of the school using the measurement supplied by the local authority derived from their computerised mapping system.

Tie-break: Where the last remaining place is to be allocated and two or more children are deemed to live at the same distance from the school, the place will be decided by the drawing of lots.

Pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or EHC Plan naming the school

The admission of pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or EHC Plan is dealt with by a completely separate procedure. This procedure is integral to the making and maintaining of statements by the pupil's home Local Authority.

Details of the separate procedure are set out in the SEND Code of Practice.

Admission of children below compulsory school age

The governors will provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday. 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. Parents may also request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents who are seeking a place for their child outside of their normal age group, eg, the child has experienced problems such as ill health or the parents of a summer born child choosing not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday, may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to reception rather than year 1. Governors will make decisions on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group, and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. They will also take into account the views of the school's head teacher. When informing a parent of the decision which year group the child should be admitted to, the governors will set out clearly the reasons for their decision. Where the governors agree to a parent's request for their child to be admitted out of their normal age group and, as a consequence of that decision, the child will be admitted to the age group to which pupils are normally admitted to the school the local authority will process the application as part of the main admissions round, (unless the parental request is made too late for this to be possible) and on the basis of the determined admission arrangements, including the application of oversubscription criteria where applicable. Parents have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. This right does not apply if they are offered a place at the school but it is not in their preferred age group.

In-year (casual) admissions

Applications for a place at the school in-year must be made using the common application form of the local authority (LA) where the child resides. This form must be returned to the LA. The school's supplementary form should also be completed to enable the governors to rank the application in the event of there being more than one application for a place. The governors will use the same criteria to rank the application as that listed above. The offer of a place at the school will be made by the LA on behalf of the governors. In the event of the governors deciding that a place cannot be offered, parents will be offered the opportunity of placing their child's name on the waiting list. This does not prevent parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place.

Appeals

Parents whose applications for places are unsuccessful may appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel set up in accordance with section 85(3) of the School Standards and Framework Act

1998. Appeals must be made in writing and must set out the reasons on which the appeal is made. Appeals should be made to the Admissions Appeal Clerk at the school address. Parents and carers have the right to make oral representations to the Appeals Panel.

Infant classes are restricted by the legislation to 30 children. Parents should be aware that an appeal against refusal of a place in an infant class may only succeed if it can be demonstrated that:-

- The admission of additional children would not breach the infant class size limit; or
- The admission arrangements did not comply with admissions law or had not been correctly and impartially applied and the child would have been offered a place if the arrangements had complied or had been correctly and impartially applied; or
- The panel decides that the decision to refuse admission was not one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case.

Waiting List

In addition to their right of appeal, unsuccessful candidates will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. This waiting list will be maintained in order of the oversubscription criteria and not in the order in which applications are received or added to the list. Names are normally removed from the list by 31st July 2023.

Notes

A map showing the boundaries of the Parish of St Stephen's Welling may be viewed at the School office 'Looked after child' A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. Previously looked after children includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (section 46 adoption orders).

'**Catholics**' include members of the Ordinariate and the Latin and Oriental Rite Churches that are in union with the Bishop of Rome. Reference to other Christian denominations in criterion viii refers to denominations that are full members of Churches Together in England (a full list is available from the School Office).

'**Practising Catholic**' means Catholic children from practising families who habitually worship at Mass on a regular basis (i.e. at least 3 out of 4 Sundays) as set out in the Supplementary Information Form. Those attending Mass regularly will be given priority over those who do not attend regularly.

'**Brother or sister**' means children who live as brother and sister, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, step-brothers or sisters and foster brothers or sisters. It would not include other relatives e.g. cousins.

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

Sheldon Road, Bexleyheath, Kent DA7 4PH Tel: 020 8303 8322

Admissions Policy 2023/24

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School is a Voluntary Aided school in the Archdiocese of Southwark. It is in the trusteeship of the Diocese. The school is conducted by its Governing Body as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its Trust Deed and Instrument of Governance and seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ.

The school exists primarily to serve the Catholic Community and Catholic children always have priority of admission. However the Governing Body welcomes applications, subject to availability of places, particularly from those of other denominations and faiths who support the religious ethos of the school.

Having consulted with the Local Authority and the Archdiocese of Southwark, the Governors intend to admit into the Reception class of September 2023, up to 60 pupils without reference to ability or aptitude.

Where the number of applications on behalf of children exceeds 60, the Governors will offer places in the order stated using the following criteria:

The school is obliged to admit a child when St Thomas More Catholic Primary School has been named on an Educational Healthcare Plan

Category 1

Looked after Catholic children or looked after children in the care of Catholic families, looked after Catholic children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order and Catholic children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and cease to be in state care outside of England as a result of being adopted.

Category 2

Catholic Children who live within the parishes of St Thomas More Bostall Park or St John Vianney Bexleyheath. Evidence of Baptism or reception into the Catholic Church will be required.

Applications will be ranked in the order shown on the Supplementary Form as verified by the priest, firstly those who attend Mass weekly, secondly by those who attend less often, thirdly those attending at least once a month and lastly those who attend Mass less often. Where a family has practiced in a parish less than 6 months, additional verification will be needed from their previous parish. Parish Boundaries can be clarified at the parish church.

Category 3

Catholic Children who do not live within the parishes of St Thomas More Bostall Park or St John Vianney Bexleyheath. Evidence of Baptism or reception into the Catholic Church will be required.

Applications will be ranked in the order shown on the Supplementary Form as verified by the priest, firstly those who attend Mass weekly, secondly by those who attend less often, thirdly those attending at least once a month and lastly those who

attend Mass less often. Where a family has practiced in a parish less than 6 months, additional verification will be needed from their previous parish. Parish boundaries can be clarified on the school website (www.stm.bexley.sch.uk) or at the parish church.

Category 4

Looked after children, looked after children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order and children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and cease to be in state care outside of England as a result of being adopted

Category 5

Children who are members of Eastern Orthodox Churches. Evidence of Baptism will be required. Evidence of religious commitment by a priest or minister where the family regularly worship will be required

Category 6

Siblings of non-Catholic families on roll at the time of admission.

Category 7

Children of families who are committed members of Christian denominations that are part of Churches Together in England. Evidence of Baptism or dedication will be required. Evidence of religious commitment by a priest or minister where the family regularly worship will be required. Applications will be ranked in order shown on Supplementary Form..

Category 8

Children of other Christian faiths. Evidence of Baptism or dedication will be required. Evidence of religious commitment by a priest or minister where the family regularly worship will be required. Applications will be ranked in order shown on Supplementary Form.

Category 9

Children of other faiths. Evidence of religious commitment provided by a religious leader where the family regularly worship will be required.

Category 10

Any other children

The following order of priorities will be applied when applications within any of the categories exceed the places available and it is necessary to decide between applications:-

Tie-Breaks

1. Siblings
2. Additional needs
3. Children of teaching staff employed at the school for two or more years
4. Distance

Admission Procedure

In addition to the Common Application Form (CAF) supplied by the Local Authority online or by request in paper form, the Supplementary Form (available from the school website or paper copy from the school) the national closing date for primary admissions 15 January 2023.

It must be accompanied by documents Baptism/Dedication certificate and proof of residence.

Birth Certificate will be required after the place has been offered. Offer of places will be sent to parents on the common offer date as notified by the Local Authority.

Looked After Child

A looked after child has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 that is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application. A previously looked after child is a child who was looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship Order.

Siblings

Siblings of children on roll, evidence may be required. A sibling equals a full brother or sister, step brother or sister, adopted siblings who live at the same address and who will be attending the school at the time of admission. A sibling also equals the child of a parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

Additional Needs

Social and medical needs which make the school particularly suitable for the child in question. Strong and relevant evidence must be provided by an appropriate professional authority, qualified medical practitioner, education welfare officer, social worker, priest).

Home address

A home address is the address at which the child lives with a parent or registered guardian who is the main carer; defined as the parent eligible to receive Child Benefit and Child Tax Credit.

Measurement of home to school distance

All home to school distances will be calculated by the London Borough of Bexley's computerised pupil database to ensure consistency. Home to school distances will be measured using the intersection of the geographical grid coordinates (known as eastings and northings) supplied by the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG), or equivalent database, for the home address and for the nearest school entrance approved by the Governors as an official entrance. Home to school distances will be measured by radial distance (straight line) from the intersection of the NLPG coordinates of the home address to the nearest official school entrance. Evidence of residence will be required.

Where the last remaining place is to be allocated and two or more children are deemed to live at the same distance from the school, the place will be decided by the drawing of lots.

Definition of Catholics

Catholic include members of the Ordinariate and the Latin and Oriental Rite Churches that are in union with the Bishop of Rome. Definition of Christian Denominations Reference to other Christian denominations refers to denominations that are full members of Churches Together in England'.

Admission of children below compulsory school age

The governors will provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth (4th) birthday. Parents can request that the date that their child is admitted to the school is deferred to later in the school year or until the child reaches compulsory school age in that school year. Parents may also request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents who are seeking a place for their child outside of their normal age group, e.g. the child has experienced problems such as ill health or the parents of a summer born child preferring not to send their child to school until the September following their fifth birthday, may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group that is to reception rather than year 1.

Governors will make decisions on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group, and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. They will also take into account the views of the school's head teacher.

When informing a parent of the decision which year group the child should be admitted to, the governors will set out clearly the reasons for their Decision.

Where the governors agree to a parent's request for their child to be admitted out of their normal age group and, as a consequence of that decision, the child will be admitted to the age group to which pupils are normally admitted to the school the local authority will process the application as part of the main admissions round, (unless the parental request is made too late for this to be possible) and on the basis of the determined admission arrangements, including the application of oversubscription criteria where applicable. Parents have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. This right does not apply if they are offered a place at the school, but it is not in their preferred age group.

Waiting lists

Parents of children who have not been offered a place at the school may ask for their child's name to be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained for 6 terms after application, will be operated using the same admissions criteria in the policy. Placing a child's name on the waiting list does not guarantee that a place will become available. It is possible that when a child is directed under the Local Authority's Fair Access Protocol they will take precedence over those children on the waiting list.

Appeals

Parents whose application for places are unsuccessful may appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel set up in accordance with section 85 (3) of the school Standards and Framework Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing and must set out the reasons on which the appeal is made. Appeals should be made to the Admissions Appeal Clerk at the school address. Parents/carer have the right to make oral presentations to the Appeals Panel. Infant classes are restricted by legislation to 30 children. Parents should be aware that an appeal against the refusal of a place in an infant class if it can be demonstrated that:-

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- a) The admission of additional children would not breach infant class size limit
- or;
- b) The admission arrangements do not comply with admission law or had not been correctly and impartially applied and the child would have been offered a place if the arrangements had complied or had been correctly and impartially applied; or
- c) The panel decides that the decision to refuse admission was not one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the Case.

Late Applications

Any late applications will be considered by the Governors in the event of any places being available using the admissions criteria. If all the places have been filled, children may be put on the waiting list..

Who does this policy apply to?

This admissions procedure although primarily relevant to children for whom a place is sought at normal age of entry to primary school (Reception) also applies to succeeding years on casual admission subject to availability of places.

Sherwood Park Primary School

Sherwood Park Avenue, Sidcup DA15 9JQ Tel: 020 8303 6300

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Sherwood Park Primary School is an Academy. The Governing Body is responsible for decisions on admissions to the school.

Children born from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 will be admitted to Reception classes in September 2023. The number of Reception places for the Academic Year 2023/2024 will be 60 which is the Published Admission Number for the school. Parents have the right to defer their child's start at school, or to request part time education. This must be discussed with the school where a place has been allocated before making a final decision.

Children born between 1 April and 31 August are referred to as "Summer born". Parents can request that summer born children start school in a Reception class in the September after their fifth birthday (i.e. with children who are a year younger), **if there is clear evidence that the child is not ready to start primary school at the normal time.** The decision on whether to delay entry to school will be made by the admission authority for the school (i.e. the Governing Body). All supporting evidence and views will be taken into account, but the admission authority is not obliged to agree to the request. There is no right of appeal against a decision not to admit a child into a year group lower than normal. If a request is not agreed, summer born children would go straight into Year 1 if they had not started school during the academic year when they became five years old.

Applications should be made on the home Local Authority's primary common application form and submitted by the closing date of 15th January 2023. Bexley's Primary Common Application Form is available from the 1st September 2022 until the closing date of the 15th of January 2023 at www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions or www.eadmissions.org.uk. Parents living in Bexley are encouraged to apply on line at www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions

Parents can also collect a paper application form from any primary school in Bexley or from Councils Offices. They can apply for up to six schools, whether in Bexley or other areas.

Parents who do not live in Bexley should apply through their home local authority. They can list schools in Bexley on their form.

If the application is late, it will not be dealt with until all on time applications have been processed and it may not be possible to offer a place a Sherwood Park Primary School.

Where there are fewer applicants than places available all will be admitted. Where there are more applicants than places available, the school will apply the following oversubscription criteria, in this order:

Children in public care (looked after children) or children who were previously in public care immediately before being adopted or subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.

This will also include any child that has been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accompanied by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society and now cease to be looked after a result of being adopted.

Children with a medical need that makes it essential for the child to attend Sherwood Park Primary School. Evidence of the medical condition must be submitted at the time of application. An opinion may be sought from a medical adviser before a place is awarded.

Siblings of children who will be attending Sherwood Park Primary School at the time the child is due for admission to the school. This priority does not include brothers or sisters due to transfer to secondary school in the next academic year. For this priority, brother or sister includes a full brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or step/half brother or sister living at the same address.

Where in an allocation of places, children who are twin, triplets or from other multiple births would qualify for fewer places than the number of children, all will be treated as siblings and therefore accorded the sibling priority.

Children whose parents or sibling has a medical condition, or where there are significant social or domestic circumstances, that would result in significant hardship if the child did not attend Sherwood Park Primary School. Evidence must be submitted at the time of application. An opinion may be sought from a medical adviser or other professional before a place is awarded.

Children living closest to the school, based on the distance measured as a straight line from the home address to the nearest pupil entrance. Measurements will be provided by the London Borough of Bexley in accordance with its home to school distance measuring policy.

Home will be taken as the address at which the child lives with the parent or legal guardian who is also the main carer; defined as the parent to receive child benefit and child tax credit, at the time of application.

A waiting list will be kept by the Governors of applicants who are refused admission due to oversubscription. When places become available they will be offered in the sequence of the criteria above. The waiting list will be kept until the start of the Autumn Term 2023.

Parents have the right to appeal against any refusal by the Governors to admit their child. Details of the appeals procedure can be obtained by contacting the school office.

Tie breaker

Where one or more applicants live exactly the same distance from the school applied for and all would qualify for the last available place, the allocation of the last place will be made by drawing lots. The drawing of lots will be witnessed by an independent adjudicator. The first child drawn will be offered the place, and the remaining children placed on the waiting list in the order of the draw.

Nursery Admission arrangements for 2023

Sherwood Park Primary School is part of The Penhill Trust and holds academy status. The Governors have responsibility for the admission arrangements for the school. However, the Governors have decided they wish to participate in the Council's arrangements. Therefore, applications and places allocated for the nursery class at Sherwood Park Primary School will be dealt with using the same criteria as for community schools, in the way set out in Bexley Council's Admission to Nursery Classes in Bexley Schools booklet. Applications should be made on the Council's online or paper form.

Admissions during the year and outside the normal round

Admission of children moving into the area or transferring from another school in year and outside the normal admissions round will be considered by Governors having regard to the admissions policy stated above and according to whether places are available in the appropriate year group.

A waiting list will be kept by the Governors of applicants who are refused admission due to oversubscription. When places become available, they will be offered in the sequence of the oversubscription criteria above.

Parents have the right to appeal against any refusal by the Governors to admit their child. Details of the appeals procedure can be obtained by contacting the school office.

Requests for Admission Outside the Normal Age Range

Requests for in year admission to a higher or lower age group will be considered by Governors. They will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned. However, the school is not obliged to agree the request, and there is no right of appeal against the school's decision. Request should be made in writing to the school at the normal time of application for their age group.

Date of entry to Reception Classes and Admission outside the normal age group

All children can start in a Reception class in the September of the academic year when they become five years old. Compulsory school age is the beginning of the school term after the child's fifth birthday, and entry may be deferred to the January or April after the fifth birthday.

Parents of children born between 1 April and 31 August may request entry to Reception (rather than Year 1) in the September after the child's fifth birthday. Requests should, where possible, be made during the normal application period for primary places, accompanied by any available supporting evidence. If the request is agreed, the application for a school

place will be processed in the following year's application period. If the request is not agreed, the child must either start school before the fifth birthday or start school in Year 1 in the September following the fifth birthday. A place will not be allocated at a preferred school unless the child qualifies for a place under the published admission criteria either in the normal or deferred year of entry.

In year requests for admission outside the normal age group (i.e. other than for entry to Reception) should be made at the time of application with supporting evidence.

If a child is admitted to Reception one year later than normal, new requests must be made for entry outside the normal age group when transferring to Junior School (for a child attending an infant only school) and Secondary School.

All decisions on admission outside the normal age group to Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools will be made by the London Borough of Bexley in consultation with the Head Teacher of the preferred school. There is no right of appeal against a decision not to admit a child outside the normal age group.

Upland Primary School

Church Road, Bexleyheath DA7 4DG Tel: 020 8303 2175

Admissions Policy 2023/24

Vision:

At Upland Primary our vision is to develop children's active and creative minds, through fun, inspiring opportunities to learn. We will develop confident lifelong learners with skills to tackle the present and the future.

"Working together, learning together, achieving together"

Admissions

All applications shall be received and offers made individually by the Local Authority in common with other Bexley primary schools. The standard number for admissions to Upland Primary School is 60. The published admission number is inclusive of pupils with a statement of special educational needs in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements. All applications shall be made on line at www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions or www.eadmissions.org.uk. If this is not possible a paper application form can be collected from the Civic Offices.

Admission Criteria

Where applications are oversubscribed places will be offered in line with the admission criteria below:

Looked after children (children in public care) (see note 1).

Siblings- children who have a brother or sister attending Upland Primary School at the beginning of their first term (see note 2).

Children of staff of the school – priority may be given to children of the staff in either of the following circumstances:

Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or

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The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Proximity to the school, as measured in a straight line in accordance with the London Borough of Bexley's policy on the measurement of home to school distance (see note 3).

Note 1: A looked after child is a child who is in the care of a local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. They are also children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).

Note 2: Siblings refer to a brother or sister; half brother or sister; adopted brother or sister; step 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. The elder sibling must still be on roll at the school when the younger child starts school.

Note 3: "home" being where the child normally resides as their only principle residence. Addresses involved in child minding (professional or relatives) are excluded. Parents will be asked to provide documentary evidence to confirm an address and parental responsibility. It is expected that the applicant and pupil will still be resident at the same address when the child starts school unless exceptional circumstances apply. Measurements will be from the front door of the child's home address to the main entrance of the building. Those who live closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Offers of places will be made by the Local Authority in April for the whole of the academic year. Children who are not offered a place immediately will have the option of remaining on a waiting list. Children on the waiting list will be offered places in order according to the criteria listed above. Children will be removed from the waiting list once the normal admission point for their date of birth has passed, unless the parent requests in writing the reasons that they should continue to remain on it.

The Unity Academy Trust, and Upland Primary School, in common with all other schools in Bexley, will admit pupils referred under the Fair Access Protocol. The other criteria detailed in this document do not apply to pupils referred under the Fair Access Protocol. Parents not offered places will also be informed of the appeals procedure. Parents have a statutory right to appeal in the event of the school's decision not to offer a place. An appeal panel will primarily consider whether or not the published admissions criteria has been properly followed.

Willow Bank Primary School

Seacourt Road, Thamesmead, London SE2 9XB
Tel: 020 8320 1700

Admissions policy 2023/24

Willowbank Primary School is part of The Woodland Academy Trust that is committed to inclusion, diversity and promoting equal opportunity for all. All schools within the Trust share this commitment, providing an inclusive environment. The number of places available is determined by the capacity of the school; the PAN (Pupil Admission Number) for new Reception pupils is 60.

Oversubscription criteria

The Trust board will aim to ensure that oversubscription criteria is reasonable, clear, objective, procedurally fair, and compliant with all relevant legislation, including equalities legislation. This means that the oversubscription criteria will not unfairly disadvantage, whether directly or indirectly, any child based on a protected characteristic or economic disadvantage.

All children whose statement of special educational needs (SEND) or education, health and care (EHC) plan names the school will be admitted before any other places are allocated.

If the school is not oversubscribed, all applicants will be offered a place.

In the event that the school receives more applications than the number of places it has available, places will be given to those children who meet any of the criteria set out below, in order until all places are filled:

1. Highest priority will be given to looked after children and all previously looked after children who apply for a place at the school.
2. Priority will next be given to children with siblings at the school. Siblings include step siblings, foster siblings, adopted siblings and other children living permanently at the same address. Priority will not be given to children with siblings who are former pupils of the school.
3. Priority will next be given to children on the basis of social or medical need. Definition of medical, health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians', physical or mental health or social needs means that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the particular school.
4. We use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school, measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by NLPG. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for the school, these straight-line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school.

Definition

Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children:

A looked after child is a child who is

- (a) in the care of a local authority, or
- (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

A previously looked after child means such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

Tie break

In the case of two or more applications that cannot be separated by the oversubscription criteria outlined above, the school will use the distance between the school and a child's home as a tie breaker to decide between applicants. Priority will be given to children who live closest to the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to the school's front gates. A child's home address will be considered to be where he/she is resident for the majority of nights in a normal school week.

Where the distance between 2 children's homes and the school is the same, random allocation will be used to decide between them. This process will be independently verified.

3. Schools outside Bexley

Many children who live in Bexley attend schools in neighbouring boroughs. You should contact the local authority responsible for any out-borough schools that you are interested in to request further information. You should make sure that you find out the oversubscription criteria for out-borough schools before applying, as they may be different from similar schools in Bexley. You should include any out-borough schools that you wish to apply for on your Bexley Primary Common Application Form. Offers of places in out-borough schools will come from Bexley as your home local authority. The contact details for the nearest boroughs are:

London Borough of Bromley

www.bromley.gov.uk

School Admissions Team

Email: school.admissions@bromley.gov.uk

Tel: 020 8313 4044

Royal Borough of Greenwich

www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk

School Admissions Team

Email: school-admissions@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Tel: 020 8921 8043

Kent County Council

www.kent.gov.uk

School Admissions Team

Email: kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

Tel: 03000 41 21 21

Part 5 - Other information for parents

1. Special Education Provision

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan will be admitted to the school named on the plan and parents may not need to complete a Primary Common Application Form. Parents should discuss the application process with their case officer. Some primary schools have specialist provision for children with Education, Health and Care Plans and places may be reserved in each year group for these children.

Details of the London Borough of Bexley's policy on special education and the provision available can be obtained from:

Statutory Assessment Team

Education and Social Care

London Borough of Bexley

Civic Offices

2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath DA6 7AT

Tel 020 3045 4451

Email: specialneeds.els@bexley.gov.uk

2. Nursery education in Bexley

Nursery education is provided for children aged 3 and a half and 4 years old in those schools with "with Nursery" shown against the age range in the list of schools (Part 2). You should contact the school that you are interested in for further details. You can apply online, or a booklet and application form are available from schools with nursery classes or directly from the School Admissions Team. The application period for children to start nursery in September 2023 is 16 January 2023 to 6 April 2023..

Nursery classes can be heavily oversubscribed and there is a range of other high quality private and independent providers in the borough.

Parents must make a new application for a Reception place even if their child attends a nursery class at the preferred school.

Attending a nursery class does not give any priority for admission to the Reception class at the same school

3. In Year admission to primary school

The London Borough of Bexley prides itself in the work it undertakes to plan for and commission school places. That said, like the rest of London, it is coming under increasing and unprecedented pressure. In the case of applications for Reception places received by the published closing date, offers of first or second choices remain amongst the highest in London. For applications received at any other time in the academic year including all other year groups, options are far more restricted. Therefore, before you consider applying please be aware of these limitations.

If you need to apply for a primary school place for your child in Years 1 to 6, or in Reception after the start of the

school year, because you have just moved into the area or because your child does not have a school place for any other reason, you should contact the School Admissions Team for information and an application form. The form can also be downloaded from the in year admissions page at www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions. You must send evidence of your address and your child's date of birth when you apply.

You can apply for up to six schools in Bexley on the application form and the School Admissions Team will offer a place at the highest available preference. If your child lives in Bexley and does not have a school place, we will offer

a place at the closest school to your home with a vacancy if we cannot offer one of your preferred schools. If your

child is continuing to attend a school elsewhere, we will not offer an alternative but will let you know which schools do have spaces.

You can also apply direct to schools in Bexley, and you must apply direct to schools and local authorities outside Bexley. If none of your preferred schools can offer a place, you have the right to appeal against the decisions. Many primary schools in Bexley are full in all year groups.

If you are moving to Bexley, it may not be possible to offer your child a place at one of your preferred schools and it may not be possible to place siblings in the same

school. You are advised not to remove your child from the previous school if it is within travelling distance. All primary schools hold in year waiting lists that are kept in the order of the oversubscription criteria for the school.

4. Fair Access Protocol

If your child has been permanently excluded from another school or is having difficulty finding a suitable place, the London Borough of Bexley and the primary schools may apply their Fair Access Protocol. A panel of primary Head Teachers will consider applications for places made under the protocol and recommend an appropriate placement.

Parents should apply as described above for a school place, and the London Borough of Bexley will determine whether the Fair Access Protocol applies and inform you of the process.

5. Transfers between Bexley primary schools

If you wish to apply for your child to transfer from one school to another within Bexley for educational or other reasons, you should consult the Head Teacher of your child's present school before the request is made, to discuss fully whether a change of school is in the child's best interests.

If, after full consultation with the child's Head Teacher, you still wish to apply for a transfer, you should complete

and return a primary in year application form. To avoid a change during term time, it is best that children transfer at the beginning of a new term if at all possible. Please note that many primary schools do not have spare places, and it may not be possible to offer your child a place at one of your preferred schools even if you have moved within Bexley. You should not to take your child out of their current school until a new place has been offered.

6. Repeat Applications

If you apply for a place at the same school for admission during the same school year as a previous application, the Authority will not consider your application unless there has been a significant change in circumstances. It will be for the applicant to provide evidence of any change of circumstances and for the Authority to decide whether or not this is significant enough to allow the new application to be determined

7. Financial Assistance

Information about financial assistance is set out below and on the Council's website www.bexley.gov.uk. Telephone 020 8303 7777, email schooladmissions@bexley.gov.uk

Home to school transport

For most children, transport needs will be met by the provision of free travel by Transport for London (TfL). Children who travel by bus will need to obtain the appropriate Oyster photocard in place at the time. It will be the parent/carers' and child's responsibility to meet the requirements set by TfL for retaining their Oyster photocard.

The parent/carer of any children whose transport needs fall within the criteria set out within The London Borough of Bexley's Travel Assistance Policy, but which are not met by the TfL scheme should write to the Schools Admissions Team setting out why they believe that they need additional support. The transport needs of children with Statements or Education Health and Care Plans will be considered as part of the child's annual review.

Home to school travel assistance and Special Educational Needs (SEN) for children aged between 5 and 16

The majority of children with an EHC Plan will not need or receive specialised travel assistance from the Council, and the completion of an EHC Plan does not confer an automatic entitlement to the provision of travel assistance by the Council. Please see Bexley's Travel Assistance Policies, available online at

<http://www.bexleylocaloffer.uk/Services/3109>

Bexley parents/carers, can contact the Travel Assistance Commissioning Team on tact@bexley.gov.uk tel: 020 3045 4321 for guidance or complete an online application form via the Bexley Local Offer website at <http://www.bexleylocaloffer.uk/Services/3109>

All referrals are assessed for eligibility and most appropriate form of transport provision against Bexley's Home to School Travel Assistance Policy.

The London Borough of Bexley requires good standards of behaviour on all transport to and from school and reserves the right to withdraw transport where a child places himself or herself, other passengers or transport staff, at risk in terms of health, wellbeing or safety.

Travel Training

Travel training is designed to help young people get more from life by giving them the confidence to travel independently.

Being able to access public transport helps people to make their own choices about how they live and what they want to achieve. If you would like more information about home to school travel training, please contact the Travel Assistance Commissioning Team on tact@bexley.gov.uk or tel: 020 3045 4321.

Meals

Midday meals are provided at all schools in Bexley for pupils who wish to have them. Arrangements are also made for pupils who bring their own food to eat at lunchtime.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with a free meal by the school. Your school still needs to know if your child would have been entitled to free meals, as it can claim valuable extra funding. Please complete a free school meal application form and return it to your school

if you receive any of the benefits below. Even if you don't want your child to receive a free meal, it is still important to complete the application form so that the school can get extra Government funding towards things like learning support and after school activities.

Children in Year 3 and above are eligible for free school meals if their parents receive one of the benefits listed below. We would encourage you to apply for free school meals if you think you may qualify.

Parents do not have to pay for school lunches if they receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.

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- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Children who receive any of the qualifying benefits listed above in their own right are also eligible to receive free school meals.

The application form for free school meals is available from www.bexley.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. You do not have to provide evidence of your income to support your claim, as the Council will check all details through the Department for Education's Free School Meals Eligibility Checking System.

Claims will normally be processed within 10 working days of the form being received, although it may take longer during busy periods at the start of the school year.

You must inform the Council immediately if you change address, stop receiving any of the qualifying support payment/benefits or about any other circumstance that might affect entitlement to free school lunches. If you do not, you may be liable to repay the cost of any lunches taken by your children.

Some schools (currently administer their own free school meals and applications should be made direct to the school. Barrington Primary School; Bedonwell Infant School; Bedonwell Junior School; Belvedere Infant School, Belvedere Junior School, Burnt Oak Junior School, Chatsworth Infant School, Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School, Christ Church, Erith, CE Primary School, Cleeve Park School, East Wickham Primary Academy, Harris Academy Falconwood, Haberdashers' Academy; Harris Garrard Academy, Hurst Primary School, Jubilee Primary School, King Henry School; Northumberland Heath Primary School, Northwood Primary School, Peareswood Primary School, Royal Park Primary School, Sherwood Park Primary School, St Augustine of Canterbury CE Primary School, St Catherine's Catholic School, St Columba's Catholic Boys School, St Paul's (Slade Green) Primary School, Townley Grammar School, Trinity School, Belvedere and Willow Bank Primary School)

8. Sustainable modes of travel strategy

The London Borough of Bexley's latest road safety and sustainable modes of travel strategies can be found on this webpage: www.bexley.gov.uk/roadsafety

9. Conclusion

Every effort has been made to see that the information given in this booklet is accurate at the time of publication (September 2022). Where future changes could be foreseen they have been mentioned, but it should not be assumed that there will be no further changes either before or during the school year 2023/2024, or subsequently.

This booklet explains what policies and procedures are used by admission authorities to make decisions on

admissions to schools. They are published in accordance with the requirements of the School Admissions Code.

Any changes to the information can be viewed on the LB Bexley website at www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions

10. General Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Act 2018

The personal information that you provide will be collected by the Council as data controller in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018. The purpose of collecting your personal information is to assist with administering the admissions process as set out in this information booklet and preventing any fraud/criminal offence or the safeguarding of a child.

The Council may be required to pass on the personal information you have provided to other bodies for administrative purposes and as required by law.

These include:

- the current school (if any)
- the schools which parents have included amongst their preferences
- other admission authorities in the borough for the purpose of securing a school place
- other Local Authorities so as to ensure that parents have provided consistent information and do not hold on to more than one offer of a place
- an organisation legitimately investigating allegations of fraud, criminal offences or child protection.
- a government department in order to comply with statutory requirements.

Your information will only be retained for as long as required for these purposes.

You can read more about the use of your personal information at <https://www.bexley.gov.uk/privacy>

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