

# Easton Church of England (Voluntary Aided) Primary School

## Admissions Policy

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Easton Church of England Primary School would like to give places to all children, whatever their faith or non-faith background, who wish to come to the school and whose parents or guardians share the school's vision<sup>1</sup>.

The admission number for the school's reception intake is set at **50** and for the nursery is set at **30**. In either case, if there are more applications than places, the following criteria will be used to decide which of the children making an application will be offered a place<sup>2</sup>.

<b>Firstly</b>	<b>Children in care</b> or who have a <b>Statement of Special Educational Needs</b> that names the school <sup>3</sup> .
<b>Secondly</b>	Any children who have a <b>brother or sister</b> already at the school <sup>4</sup> .
<b>Thirdly</b>	Other children in order of <b>how close to the school</b> they live <sup>5</sup> .
<b>Fourthly</b>	Any children of the <b>Christian faith</b> <sup>6</sup> who wish to attend a Church of England school and who have a recommendation <sup>7</sup> from their place of worship.
<b>Fifthly</b>	Any children of <b>other faiths</b> <sup>8</sup> who wish to attend a Church of England School and who have a recommendation <sup>7</sup> from their place of worship.

### Notes to table

<sup>1</sup>The school's vision is laid out in the school prospectus: *"An open, friendly, learning community founded on Christian values, working together and encouraging everyone to value themselves and each other and realise their full potential."*

<sup>2</sup>If the number of available places mean that only some children from within one of the above categories can be offered a place then closeness to the school<sup>5</sup> will be the 'tie breaker'.

<sup>3</sup>Before making a referral the local authority will consult the head teacher who will consider whether the school can meet the particular needs of the child or if there is clear evidence that the child's parents or guardians are opposed to the school's vision<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>4</sup>Brother or sister means: full brother or sister; half brother or sister; adoptive brother or sister; or children living in the same household. The brother or sister must still be at the school in the same September.

<sup>5</sup> Closeness to the school is measured in a straight line drawn from the front door of the school to the front door of the address of the applicant.

<sup>6</sup> Christian faith means any Christian denomination that belongs to the organisation Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

<sup>7</sup> A recommendation from a place of worship must take the form of a written statement from a representative (normally the minister of religion) of the place of worship confirming that the child and their parent or guardian regularly attend services at the place of worship or have otherwise demonstrated their commitment to their faith.

<sup>8</sup> Other faith means any of the other five main world religions: Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Sikhism.

## **Late applications**

Any application that arrives after the closing date will be considered after those that arrived by the closing date.

## **In-year admissions**

No chronological waiting list will be held once all available places have been offered and accepted and any in-year applications will be dealt with in not in order of date of receipt but in accordance with the criteria laid out above in the same way as applications received at the normal time of year.

## **Appeals**

Appeals against decisions are made to the school governors through an appeals process set up by Bristol City Council's Democratic Support Services section.

## **Multiple-birth children**

In the event of circumstances where the school is able to offer a place to one child who has multiple-birth sibling or siblings, but does not have places for the remaining sibling or siblings, then the school will offer the place to the child born first and give the other child or children priority for any other places as soon as they become available.