



**Respect**  
*For All*

**Ambitious**  
*In Aspirations*

**Bold**  
*In Actions*

*"...with God all things are possible" Matthew (19:26)*

## **Admissions Policy 2023-24**

St George's C E Primary School prides itself in providing an education for the whole child in a Christian environment. We seek to ensure that all children and young people achieve the best of which they are capable in a caring atmosphere that recognises the special gifts of each individual. The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all is fostered within a Christian environment. We are a place where the beliefs and practices of other faiths will be respected.

At St George's we are a voluntary aided school. Application for admission to the school must be made on-line by the closing date 15th January 2023. Visit the Council website [www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmission](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmission) to apply and view the Local Authority's brochure. Children in Stockport begin school following their fourth birthday.

Letters informing parents of whether or not their child has been allocated a place will be sent out by the Local Authority. Parents of children not admitted will be informed of the reason and offered an alternative place by the Authority.

The number of places available for admission to the Reception class in the year 2023-2024 will be a maximum of 60. This arrangement follows consultation between the governing body, the Diocesan Board of Education, Local Authorities and other admissions authorities in the area. The governing body will not place any restrictions on admissions to the reception class unless the number of children for whom admission is sought exceeds this number. By law, no infant class may contain more than thirty children.

The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority allocates places according to its policy. In the event that there are more applicants than places, the governing body will allocate places using the following criteria, which are listed in order of priority:

### **Admissions Criteria**

1. A 'Looked After Child' or a child who was previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence, or special guardianship order). 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. This also includes children who appear (according to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.



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2. Children who live in the catchment area of the school (designated by the Local Authority), will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission, and whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers in a Christian Church that belongs to 'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.'
3. Children who live in the catchment area surrounding the school (designated by the Local Authority) and whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers in a Christian Church that belongs to 'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.'
4. Children who live in the catchment area of the school (designated by the Local Authority) and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission.
5. Children who live in the catchment area surrounding the school (designated by the Local Authority)
6. Children who live outside the catchment area, will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission and whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers in a Christian Church that belongs to 'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.'
7. Children who live outside the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling\* at the school at the time of admission.
8. Children who live outside the catchment area of the school and whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers in a Christian Church that belongs to 'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.'
9. Other children based on distance between home and school, measured by straight-line distance, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.
10. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at 1-11

#### Notes

- (1) By "faithful and regular" we mean attendance at a minimum of one services per month for at least six months prior to the closing date for applications. A letter from your incumbent or minister or other church officer will be required as proof of attendance.  
In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship
- (2) A map showing the catchment area boundaries is available from school
- (3) Siblings include step, half, foster and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address, and full brothers and sisters living apart
- (4) All children with birthdays between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024 are admitted to school in September 2024. For children with a birthday after Christmas and Easter parents may defer entry until later in the year and the headteacher should be consulted if this option is being considered
- (5) A parent is any person who has parental responsibility or care of the child. Where admission refer to parent's attendance at church it is sufficient for just one parent to attend
- (6) In the case of twins or multiple births, if only one place can be offered 'a random allocation undertaken by an independent body will be used in order to decide which child is offered a place with parents informed of their right of appeal for the other child/ren
- (7) In the event of a tie in the application of any of the above criteria, the LA measuring system will be used to indicate the child who lives closest to school

#### Special Educational Needs

Where a child has an education, health and care plan (EHCP) which names the School, then that child will be admitted to the School and the number of available places in the PAN will reduce



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correspondingly. Admission of children with an EHCP is dealt with by the home Local Authority (LA) (which is where you reside)

### **Admissions information**

All of the admissions process is currently conducted by Stockport Local Authority. Please see their website for information concerning the process:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/nursery-and-school-admissions>

### **Late applications for admission**

Where there are extenuating circumstances for an application being received after the last date for applications, the Local Authority currently organise the allocation of late admissions.

### **Waiting list**

Where we have more applications than places the Local Authority currently allocate the places.

### **In year admissions**

It sometimes happens that a child needs to change school other than at the “normal” time; such admissions are known as in year admissions. Parents wishing their child to attend this school can arrange to visit the school and they will be provided with information regarding the Local Authority in year admissions procedure.

### **Appeals**

All appeals for places are currently organised by the Local Authority.

### **Deferred admission**

Children are eligible for a reception place from the beginning of the school year in which they become 5 years old. However, they do not become of compulsory school age until the start of the term after their fifth birthday. After a place has been allocated and accepted parents may defer the school place until later in the school year and if they do this the place will be held for the child. They cannot however defer entry beyond the beginning of the term after the child’s fifth birthday, nor beyond the school year for which the original application was accepted. Parents can also request that their child attends on a part time basis until the child reaches compulsory school age.

### **Summer Born Children**

Parents of summer born children (those born between 1st April and 31st August) who wish to delay entry until the following year must speak to the school and Local Authority as soon as possible as this would involve either an in-year application for year 1 or a new application for reception in the following year. An application should be filled in for the current admission process at the same time as any request to defer entry or ‘back class’ to reception in the following year. The decision will be made considering information from the parents and headteacher and should be in the best interests of the child.

### **Children with Statements**

Section 324 of the Education Act 1996 requires the governing bodies of all maintained schools to admit a child with a Statement of Special Education Needs that names their school.

### **Admissions information**

Last year the school was able to admit all pupils whose parents applied.

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Where there are extenuating circumstances for an application being received after the last date for the school will liaise with the Local Authority Admissions department.



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