



St Mary's Church of England Primary School

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School Admissions Policy for **Nursery Class 2017-18**

St Mary's school was founded by the Church of England to be, like the Church itself, of service to all the people in our local community. Within our school a good number of families are active in our local Church of England parishes and other Christian communities. Some families send their children to this school because, though they have no active Christian faith themselves, they are happy for their children to be educated in a Christian environment and learn the basics of the Christian faith. This school is thoroughly and actively loyal to the principles and practice of the Church of England and, whilst respecting the rights of parents under Section 21 of the Education Act of 1998 expects all children to take part in Religious Education within the Schools curriculum and to attend the daily acts of worship in the school and regular services in our local Church.

Governors hope that parents who have chosen this school for their child will have done so knowing that it is a Church of England school with a distinctive Christian ethos. Governors therefore expect that all parents will give their full support to the ethos of the school. We also hope that all children will attend the acts of collective worship, daily Christian prayers in class and will take an active part in the Religious Education curriculum offered by the school. This does not in anyway remove the right that parents have to request that their children be withdrawn from these activities.

If over subscribed the following criteria will be used in order of preference:

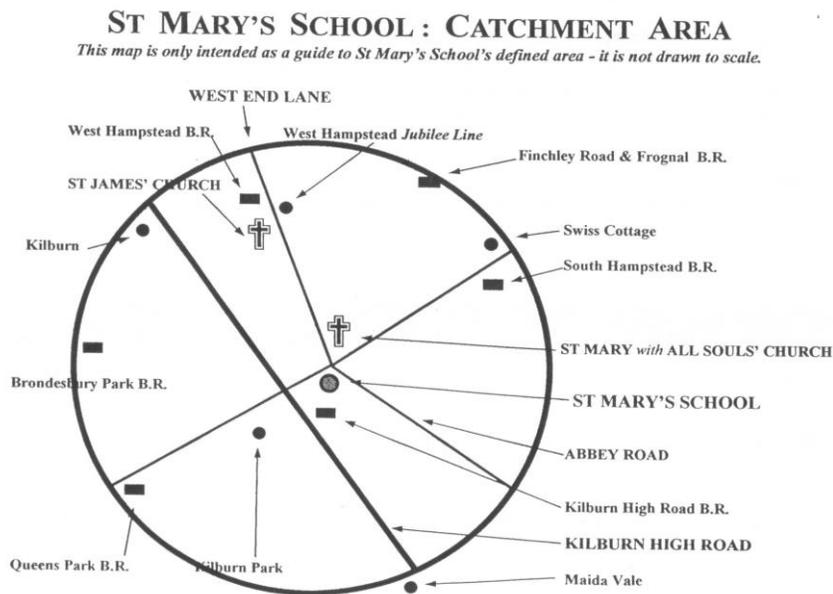
1. Children in the care of the Local Authority (a 'Looked After Child') or a child who was previously 'looked after' but immediately after being looked after became the subject to an adoption, a child arrangement, or a special guardianship order.
2. Children whose parents have been regularly (b) attending St Mary with All Souls Church, Abbey Road, NW6 4SN or St James's Church, Sheriff Road, NW6 2AP for a period of at least nine months prior to end of February in the year of admission (i.e. from at least July the year before) preference being given first to baptized children.
3. Children whose parents live within the school's defined area (g) and regularly (b) attend other Christian Churches (c) which do not have a Church school in the catchment area, preference being given first to baptized children attending Anglican Churches and then to baptized children attending other Churches.
4. Children whose parents live within the school's defined area (g), and have specific medical or social needs (d) that the school is particularly able to meet.
5. Children who live closest to the school measured as the crow flies, from the home address to center of the school (the address given must be the one in which the child normally lives. Distances are measured using a computerized measuring system provided by Camden local authority)

Notes:

NB In these criteria 'parent' refers to any responsible adult as defined in the terms of the Children's Act.

If any category is oversubscribed then preference will be given first to those children who have siblings who will also be attending the school when the applicant joins the school, except in Category 4 where preference is given first to practicing Anglican families and then to siblings. Thereafter selection will be based on distance from the center of the school, preference being given to those who live closest to the school. Where two or more applicants have the same distance from the school a decision will be made using random allocation.

- a) *The baptism (christening) of any Trinitarian Christian Church will be accepted. In the case of Churches which do not baptize children proof of a dedication service or naming ceremony in church will be accepted, provided that it is in writing from the Church which administered the ceremony.*
- b) *Regularly is defined as at least twice a month for the whole period and attendance being confirmed by Fr Andrew as Vicar of the parish or the minister or pastor of the particular Christian community that the family regularly attends.*
- c) *'Christian Churches' as defined by those who are members of 'Churches together in England' or the Evangelical Alliance and/or the African and Caribbean Evangelical Alliance.*
- d) *Specific 'medical or social needs' must be demonstrated with written evidence and the school's decision on its relevance to a particular application is final.*
- e) *In the case of multiple births when one child is the 30th child in the ranking, the other child/ren will also be admitted.*
- f) *In year Admissions are handled by the school and a different form is available from the school for such applications.*
- g) *The school's defined area:*



- h) *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, where the child for whom the place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as the siblings. A sibling relation does not apply when the older child will leave before the younger one starts*

Please Note

1. St Mary's School admits 26 children into its Nursery Class each year in September, the admissions process being staggered over a number of weeks.