



**HAMPSTEAD PAROCHIAL**  
Church of England Primary School

## **Admissions Policy**

Hampstead Parochial CE Primary School is a one form entry school with 30 places for each academic year group. Where the number of applicants exceeds the number of available places the governors will use the listed criteria.

Common Application Forms from the home Local authority must be completed within the designated time frame (available on Local Authority web sites) and should be submitted to the parents' own local authority or via the e-admissions web site.

All parents applying to Hampstead Parochial CE Primary School under foundation criteria should complete our Supplementary Information form in addition to their local authority form so that governors can consider their application fully. The clergy reference section of this form also needs to be completed by your Parish priest(s) or minister(s) covering places of worship for the previous two years (see note (i) below). Supplementary Forms should be collected from the school office or downloaded from the school website and returned directly to the school by 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019 for Reception applications.

Parents applying through the London Borough of Camden will be informed via a letter posted in **April 2019** whether or not their child has been offered a place. Applicants using the London Borough of Camden online service will be able to check online. For applications through other boroughs please check with your own local authority.

For entry to Hampstead Parochial in September 2019 in the first instance places will be offered to Looked after children (Children in the care of a Local Authority) and previously looked after children (note (ii)). Previously looked after children are those 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 subsequent available places will then be distributed equally between Foundation and Open places with the priority given to siblings as described below. 50% of the available places will be allocated under Foundation (Church) Criteria and 50% under Open Criteria (based on proximity to school). In instances where there is an additional place this will be offered under foundation. Applications should be made either:

**for a Foundation Place  
or  
for an Open Place.**

*Candidates unsuccessful in their application for a Foundation Place will automatically be considered for an Open Place.*

### **Foundation Places**

If there are more applicants than available foundation places (50% for Reception) offers will be made in the following order:

1. Siblings of children at the school, at the time of entry (note (iii)) whose parents are regular and committed worshippers (note (v)) at the Parish Church of St John-at-Hampstead.
2. Siblings of children at the school, at the time of entry (note (iii)) whose parents are regular and committed worshippers (note (v)) at other Christian churches (note (vi)).
3. Children whose parents (note (iv)) are regular and committed worshippers (note (v)) at the Parish Church of St John-at-Hampstead (note (i)).
4. Children whose parents (note (iv)) are regular and committed worshippers (note (v)) at other Christian churches (note (vi)) and who live within a radius of three miles from the School (note (vii)).

In the event that two or more applicants have equal right to a place under the Foundation Place Criteria, the Governing Body will give priority to those children living in nearest proximity to the School (note (vii)). For pupils with the same distance as well as the other factors then an independent person will make a random allocation. Should there be fewer than 15 applications under the foundation criteria the remaining places will be offered under the Open Places criteria.

### **Open Places**

These will be allocated according to the following criteria, listed in order of priority.

1. Siblings of children at the school, at the time of entry (note (iii)).
2. Children living in nearest proximity to the school. (note (vii)).

### **Waiting list**

For the normal admission round a waiting list will be maintained in order of the published oversubscription criteria from which vacancies will be filled with foundation place applicants ranked ahead of open place applicants. If a place becomes available, the child whose name is at the top of the waiting list will be offered the place, irrespective of the relative number of foundation and open places in the class.

### **Delayed Entry to Reception**

Parents can request:

- (a) that the date their child is admitted to school is deferred until later in the academic year or until the term in which their child reaches compulsory school age; and
- (b) that their child takes up the place part-time until the term in which the child reaches compulsory school age.

This means that parents of a child whose fifth birthday falls between 1 September and 31 March may request that the child is not admitted until later in the academic year. But no later than the term after the child's fifth birthday, when he/she reaches compulsory school age. For children born between 1 April and 31 August, this is not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which it was made.

### **Admissions out of normal age group**

For children's whose fifth birthday falls between 1 April and 31 August, parents who do not wish them to start school in school year 2019-20, but to be admitted in September 2020 for school year 2020-21 should discuss this with the school at an early stage of the application process. Requests must be in writing to the Governing Body clearly stating the reason, providing strong supporting reasons for seeking a place outside the normal year group. Parental views, academic achievement, social and emotional development and where relevant medical views will be taken into consideration. The views of the Headteacher will also be taken into account. The admission panel and Headteacher will make a decision based on individual circumstances and in the best interests of the child.

### **SEN/EHC**

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Need (SEN) or with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan naming the school as the placement school will always be offered places.

### **Multiple Births**

In cases where siblings tie for the last available place, then all will be offered a place, even if this exceeds the planned admissions number.

### **In-Year Admissions**

Applications for In-Year admissions are made in the same way as those made for Foundation Places during the normal admissions round. If a place is available and there is no waiting list then the school will communicate the governors' offer of a place to the family. If more applications are received than there are places available, then applications will be ranked by the Governing Body in accordance with the Foundation oversubscription criteria. In the event there are no applications for a foundation place, governor's will then offer places in accordance with the open places criteria.

If a place cannot be offered at this time, parents may request the reason and will be informed of their right of appeal. A waiting list will be maintained by the Governing Body in the order of the oversubscription criteria and not in the order in which the applications are received. Names are

removed from the list at the end of each academic year. If you wish to remain on the waiting list please inform the school at the end of each academic year. Should there be any change in circumstances the school should also be informed of this.

## Definitions

(i) If a family has started worshipping at the Parish Church of St John-at-Hampstead within the two years prior to application, the application will be treated under Foundation Places category 2, provided the parents were previously regular and committed worshippers at another Christian Church. In these circumstances the application must be countersigned by their previous Parish Priest. In the case of a vacancy, or where there is no priest in the parish, the application must be countersigned by a Church Warden.

(ii) By a “looked-after child” we mean one in the care of a local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of its social services function. An adoption order is one made under the Adoption Act 1976 (Section 12) or the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Section 46). A ‘child arrangements order’ is one settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live (Children Act 1989, Section 8, as amended by the Children and Families Act 2014, Section 14). A ‘special guardianship order’ is one appointing one or more individuals to be a child’s special guardian/s (Children Act 1989, Section 14A). Applications under this criterion should be accompanied by evidence to show that the child is looked after or was previously looked after (e.g. a copy of the adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order). Previously looked after children are those 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).

(iii) 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 sibling. A sibling relation does not apply when the older child will leave before the younger one starts.

(iv) By ‘parent(s)’, we mean the primary care giver, with whom the child lives.

(v) By ‘regular and committed’ worshippers, we mean parents who attend church services on Sunday at least twice a month for two years prior to application.

(vi) Other Christian Churches means those churches belonging to Churches Together in Britain and Ireland or member churches of the Evangelical Alliance.

(vii) Distances will be measured from the child’s home address to the centre of the school site using the Camden Local Authority computerised measuring system and proof of address, e.g. Child Benefit/Council Tax/Electoral Roll documentation will be required both at the time of application and at the time of entry. Where more than one child have the same distance then random allocation will be used, with an independent monitor.

(viii) For in-year admissions, children without an offer of a school place are given priority immediately after ‘looked after’ children.

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