



**CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
55 TOLLINGTON PARK, LONDON, N4 3QW**

**ADMISSIONS POLICY 2017 - 2018**

Christ the King Catholic Primary School was founded by the Catholic Church to provide education for children of Catholic families. As a Catholic school, we aim to provide a Catholic education for all our pupils. At a Catholic school, Catholic doctrine and practice permeate every aspect of the school's activity. It is essential that the Catholic character of the school's education is fully supported by all families in the school. All applicants are therefore expected to give their full, unreserved and positive support for the aims and ethos of the school.

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for the Reception Class at Christ the King Catholic Primary School is 60. The Governing Body has sole responsibility for admissions to this school and intends to admit 60 children in the school year which begins in September 2017. Applications are welcome from families whose child reaches his/her 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

Whenever there are more applications than places available, priority will always be given to Catholic applicants in accordance with the criteria listed below.

In this policy *applicant* refers to the person making an application on behalf of a child; *candidate* refers to the child on whose behalf the application is being made.

**OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA**

Where there are more applications than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority: -

1. Catholic 'looked after' children and Catholic children who have been adopted or made subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders.
2. Baptised Catholic children who are resident in the Islington Catholic Deanery Parish of St. Mellitus, Finsbury Park.
3. Baptised Catholic children who are resident in the Islington Catholic Deanery Parish of St Gabriel's, Upper Holloway.
4. Other baptised Catholic children.
5. Other 'looked after' children and children who have been adopted or made subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders.
6. Children of catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church.
7. Children who are Christians of other denominations or whose application is supported by a letter from their minister/faith leader confirming membership of the faith community.'
8. Any other children

In prioritising applications in each of the above oversubscription criteria, first priority will be given to children who will have a sibling attending a Reception, Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2 class in Christ the King Catholic Primary School at the proposed date of admission.

### **EXCEPTIONAL NEED**

The Governing Body will give top priority, after the appropriate category of looked-after children, to an application where compelling evidence is provided at the time of application, from an appropriate professional such as a doctor, priest or social worker, of an exceptional social, medical, pastoral or other need of the child, which can only be met at this school.

### **MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS**

Where the final place is offered to a child who has other siblings applying for a place in the same school year, these siblings will also be admitted.

### **TIE BREAK**

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 living nearest to the school as measured by the London Borough of Islington. Nearness is measured on a computerised mapping system using a straight line distance measurement. Routes will be calculated from the home address (as defined by the Land and Property Gazetteer) to the midpoint of the school grounds (as determined by the London Borough of Islington). In a situation where two families live equidistant from the school, random allocation of the place will be given. (A computerised system will be used for this purpose)

### **FAIR ACCESS**

The school is committed to taking its fair share of children who are vulnerable and/or hard to place, as set out in locally agreed protocols. Accordingly, outside the normal admissions round, the Governing Body is empowered to give absolute priority to a child where admission is requested under any local protocol that has been agreed by both the local authority and the Diocese for the current school year. The Governing Body has this power even when admitting the child would mean exceeding the published admission number.

### **IN-YEAR ADMISSIONS**

Applications for In-Year admissions are made directly to the school. If a place is available and there is no waiting list the child will be admitted. If there is a waiting list, then applications will be ranked by the Governing Body in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. 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. This 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. When a place becomes available the Governing Body will decide who is at the top of the list and make an offer.

### **RECEPTION YEAR DEFERRED ENTRY**

Applicants may defer entry to school up until statutory school age i.e. the first day of term following the child's fifth birthday. Application is made in the usual way and then the deferral is requested. The place will then be held until the first day of the spring or summer term as applicable. Applicants may also request that their child attend part-time until statutory school age is reached. Entry may not be deferred beyond statutory school age or beyond the year of application. Therefore applicants whose children have birthdays in the summer term may only defer until the 1st April 2018.

## **SUMMER BORN CHILDREN**

If a parent wishes his/her summer born child to start school in Reception in the September following his/her 5<sup>th</sup> birthday i.e. a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> August being admitted to Reception at 5 years of age, they should make the school aware of this by writing a letter to the Chair of Governors at the time of application. Parents must then submit an application in the normal way. This application will be treated in the same way as all other applications and there is no guarantee that an offer will be made.

## **CHILDREN EDUCATED OUTSIDE THEIR CHRONOLOGICAL AGE GROUP (except Reception applications for summer born children)**

Parents may apply for their child to be educated outside his/her chronological age group i.e. a year behind or a year ahead. Application should be made to the Chair of Governors at the time of application and any supporting evidence should be submitted at the same time. Governors will consider each case on its own merits and permission will only be given in exceptional circumstances.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE 2017 - 2018**

In order to make an application, you **must** complete an on-line application on your local authority's website, if you are unable to complete a form online a paper copy can be obtained from your local authority. You **must** also complete the **School's Supplementary Information Form (SIF)**. The information on the SIF enables the Governing Body to assess your application fully against the School's criteria in the event of oversubscription. Please return the SIF (in person or by post) to the school together with all other relevant paperwork required for your application. If you do not complete both of the forms described above and return them by 15th January 2017, the Governing Body will be unable to consider your application fully and it is very unlikely that your child will be offered a place. Applications received after the closing date will be dealt with after the initial allocation process has been completed.

The local authority will write to you on behalf of the Governing Body with the outcome of your application on or about Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017. This information will be available online. Parents/carers should accept the place as soon as possible.

## **NURSERY CHILDREN**

Attendance at the Nursery **does not** guarantee a place in Reception. Parents of children attending Christ the King Catholic Primary School Nursery **must** make a fresh application for Reception.

## **RIGHT OF APPEAL**

If you are unsuccessful you may ask us for the reasons for the refusal of a place. These reasons will be related to the oversubscription criteria listed in the policy and you will have the right of appeal to an independent panel. Should you wish to appeal please contact the school as soon as possible for an appeal form on which you must list your reasons for making an appeal. The deadline for appeals to be received at the school is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

## **WAITING LIST**

In addition to their right of appeal, unsuccessful candidates will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. This list will be maintained in order of the oversubscription criteria set out in the policy and not in the order in which applications are received or added to the list. Names are removed from the list after one year, unless applicants request in writing to remain on the list.

## **EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CARE PLANS (EHC)**

The admission of pupils with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHC) is dealt with by a completely separate procedure. Details of this separate procedure are set out in the

Special Educational Needs Code of Practice. If your child has an EHC plan you must contact your local authority SEN officer. Children with this school named in their EHC Plan will be admitted to the school.

### **CHANGE OF DETAILS**

If any of the details on either of your forms changes between the date of application and the receipt of the letter of offer or refusal, you **must** inform the School and the local authority immediately. If misleading information is given or allowed to remain on either of your forms, the Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw the place, even if the child has already started at the School.

### **NOTES (these notes form part of the oversubscription criteria)**

**'Looked after child'** has the same meaning as in S.22 of the Children Act 1989, and means any child in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by them (e.g. children with foster parents at the time of making an application to the school).

**'Adopted'**. An adopted child is any child who has been formally adopted, having previously been in care and whose parent/ guardian can give proof of this.

**'Child Arrangements Order'**. A Child Arrangements order is an order under the terms of the Children Act 1989 s.8 settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live. Children 'looked after' immediately before the order is made qualify in this category.

**'Special Guardianship Order'**. A special guardianship order is an order under the terms of the Children Act 1989 s.14A appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian(s). Children 'looked after' immediately before the order is made qualify in this category.

**'Parent'** means the adult or adults with legal responsibility for the child.

**'Sibling'** means brother or sister, to include adopted brothers and sisters, half brothers and sisters or step brothers and sisters. A sibling relationship does not apply when the older child(ren) will leave before the younger one starts.

**'Catholic'** means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a Certificate of Baptism in a Catholic church or a Certificate of Reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

**'Catechumen'** means a child who is a member of the catechumenate of a Catholic Church. This will normally be evidenced by a Certificate of Reception into the Order of Catechumens.

**'Eastern Christian Church'** includes Orthodox Churches, and is normally evidenced by a Certificate of Baptism or Reception from the authorities of that Church.

**'Christian'** for the purposes of this policy, means a member of one of the Churches affiliated to 'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland'. These can be found on the following website: <http://www.ctbi.org.uk/24>.

**'Resident'**. A child is deemed to be resident at a particular address when he/she resides there for more than 50% of the school week.

**Applications for multiple-birth and other siblings applying for the same academic year.**

This applies to twins, triplets, etc., but also to siblings whose birth dates are different but are due to start school in the same academic year. In the case where the number of places remaining to be offered is insufficient to offer a place to all siblings of a 'same age' set, then the governing body will exceed the 30 pupils per class limit and offer a place to all the siblings. In Reception through to Year 2, the limit will only be exceeded in these circumstances.

**Parish Boundaries.** For the purposes of this Policy, parish boundaries are available in the School office and on the following websites:

Parish of St. Mellitus, Finsbury Park:

<http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/tollingtonpark/parish-details/>

Parish of St. Gabriel's, Upper Holloway:

<http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/archway/wp-content/uploads/sites/82/2013/10/archway-PB.jpg>.

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