

ALL SAINTS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL.
ADMISSION OF PUPILS.
2008/2009

INTRODUCTION

Governors of Aided Schools are responsible for the admission of pupils to their schools and for determining the arrangements for admitting such pupils. At least once a year the Governors must consult with the Local Education Authority as to whether the Governors arrangements are satisfactory and must consult with the L.E.A. before determining or varying these arrangements.

The 1980 Act states that parents must be given the chance to express their preference for a school, and that the Governors must comply with that expressed preference **except in certain clearly defined circumstances.**

For All Saints C.E. Primary School these clearly defined circumstances are.

- a) Where compliance will prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources.
- b) Where compliance will entail a breach of an agreement with the LEA governing the admission arrangements to the school.

In admitting pupils into school it is necessary to balance the number of places at All Saints School with those in county and controlled schools. In such cases consultation and co-operation between LEA and voluntary providing bodies is important. The Governors of All Saints School would wherever possible seek to maintain the school as part of a balanced local provision.



ADMISSIONS POLICY

The agreed policy will set out the criteria to which admission to All Saints School will apply. This policy will be adhered to at all times by the Governors of the school, and will be available to prospective parents along with information about the school as required by the Education Act.

The Governors of the school have set an admissions number of 35 pupils.

Children in Sandwell are admitted to school at the beginning of the academic year in which they are 5 provided a school place is available. The admission priorities for the allocation of places are set out below:

Priority will be given to:

Admissions are based on the school being an equal opportunities school and prioritised in the following order.

1. Anglican children who are in the care of the Local Authority.
2. Children who are in the care of the Local.
3. Children of parents who are active worshipping members of All Saints Church and who have obtained a letter to this effect from the minister of the church.
4. Children of parents who are active worshipping members of any Anglican Church and who have obtained a letter to this effect from the minister of that Church.
5. Children who have a brother or sister in the school at the time of starting the school.
6. Other children whose parents wish their children to attend All Saints C of E School.

NOTES.

1. Children with a statement of Special Educational Needs that names the school must be admitted. This will reduce the number of places available to other applicants.
5. Definition of a brother or sister.

- a. A brother or sister sharing the same parents.
 - b. Half brother or sister where two children share one common parent.
 - c. Step brother or sister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage.
 - d. Adopted children living at the same address.
6. In all cases if the number of applicants in a category exceeds the number of places available, places will be allocated on the basis of distance between home and school as measured in a straight line from the home to the main entrance of the school with priority being given to those living closest to the school.
7. Parents should apply for a place in Reception class by completing the Local Authority application form enclosed with the Council's prospectus naming the school as one of their preferences. If applications are made on denominational grounds a supplementary school form ASS.08/09 (enclosed with the prospectus) should also be completed and forwarded directly to the school. Governors will use this information to allocate applicants to one of the school's admission priorities.

Additional documentation required;

- Completed form ASU75/A Declaration in Support of your Preference for a Place at an Anglican (Church of England Primary School. (returnable to the school)
- Letter of support from Minister

The School admission number to be 35.

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

A sub - committee of the Governing body will be appointed to look into individual cases of admissions.

This sub - committee will comprise members of the Admissions / Discipline / Curriculum Committee of the Governing Body.

In considering any application the governors would wish the parents to view the school and to discuss with the Headteacher the school aims and objectives in relation to the education it provides and the parental undertakings it requires.

APPEALS PROCEDURE

An appeals panel will oversee the appeals procedure.

Section 24 of the Education Act 1988 gives parents the right to appeal against decisions on the schools that children should attend.

All appeals must be in writing and submitted to the chairman of the Governors within 10 working days of initial notification of refusal to admit. The chairman of the Governors will refer the appeal to the appeals panel.

The appeals procedure shall comprise an appeals panel of 3 persons and will be managed by the Local Authority on behalf of the Governing Body.

The appeals panel shall have the services of a Clerk. The clerk shall be available to keep brief notes of proceedings, the attendance of members, the voting and the decisions in such form as the authority and Governors agree. In addition, the clerk is available to advise the panel on procedures. The clerk is not a member of the panel. The Governors shall appoint the clerk after consultation with the L.E.A.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE

The law does not require a child to start school until the start of the term following the child's fifth birthday. The date compulsory school age is reached is determined by the Secretary of state as follows:

Autumn Term.	31 st . August
Spring Term.	31 st . December
Summer Term.	31 st . March.

An appeal can only be considered for those children of compulsory school age.