

Aldrington CE Primary School

Aldrington Church of England Primary School is a voluntary aided school in the Diocese of Chichester. It is founded upon a lively and evangelical Christian faith in which the educational and spiritual needs of each child are pre-eminent.

A Supplementary Information Form (SIF) is provided on the school website (Appendix A). This is used to collect information required in order to evidence that a child qualifies against oversubscription criterion 1-8. The SIF must be completed and submitted by the closing date for applications and in accordance with the instructions set out in the SIF if the parent wishes qualifying information to be taken into account, should it prove necessary for the oversubscription to be applied in order to prioritise applications. In some cases, a member of the Admission Authority, or an appointed agent, may need to contact the parent to discuss the information submitted on the SIF.

If there are more applications received at any one time than there are places available within the preferred year group (oversubscription), the Admission Authority will assess every application against the oversubscription criteria set out below in order to rank these applications in priority order, before any places are offered. The oversubscription criteria will also be applied in order to rank children's names on a waiting list.

Oversubscription Criteria:

1. A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who, at the time of application, 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 (section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989 applies). In order to be offered a place under this priority the parent will need to supply proof of the child's status. This could be a copy of the order or adoption certificate.
2. Children whose parents are regularly* involved in the work and worship of Bishop Hannington, or its daughter Church, Holy Cross, or its Church Plant, (Goldstone Church), or St Peter's Church, West Blatchington, and who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission.
3. Children whose parents are regularly* involved in the work and worship of any other Christian church and who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission.
4. Children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission but do not satisfy the criteria set out in 2. and 3. regarding work and worship.
5. Children whose parents are regularly* involved in the work and worship of Bishop Hannington Church, or its daughter Church, Holy Cross, or its Church plant (Goldstone Church) or St Peter's Church West Blatchington.
6. Children whose parents are regularly* involved in the work and worship of any other Christian Church.

* 'Regularly involved in the work and worship' means:

- Attendance by at least one parent at a minimum of two services per month at a Christian Church over a period of at least eighteen months immediately preceding the

closing date for applications. (If the parent has moved churches in that period, confirmation will be required from all relevant ministers),

and

- Involvement of at least one parent in any other aspect of the work and worship of the Church other than as a regular worshipper.

7. Children with known special educational, medical or social needs who would benefit from a place at the school. Documentary evidence from a doctor, social worker, educational psychologist, or other relevant professional, should be submitted with the application.
8. Children whose parents wish them to receive a Christian education and where the parents have either:
 - committed themselves to a foundation course to investigate the claims of Jesus prior to the date of application. (This must be verified by the Minister on section B of the Governors' form).

Or

- Are attending a Church but the evidence provided by their minister does not support an application under criteria 2,3,5 or 6 above.
9. Other children.

Notes:

- Refer to section 1.4 of these Admission Arrangements for the definition of 'home address'
- Refer to section 1.5 of these Admission Arrangements for the definition of 'sibling'
- The Supplementary Information Form must be completed and submitted in conjunction with the school place application **if** the applicant wishes the child to be considered against criterion 1-8 (refer to section 4.5 of these admission arrangements)
- A Christian Church is a Church that is a full member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland or the Evangelical Alliance or the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches.

In the event of oversubscription (more applications received than places available), the admission application ranking exercise may indicate that the Admission Number/limit is reached part way through a particular criterion. In these circumstances, priority will be given to those children who live closest to the school. This will be measured digitally by the Local Authority, using the specialist software used to measure home to school distance for community schools and referred to in the Authority's primary admissions booklet. Measurement will be to a minimum of three decimal places accuracy. In the case of a multi-dwelling building, such as a block of flats, the same distance will apply for all occupants.

Where two or more distances are exactly the same and it proves necessary to rank the relevant applications, a priority for admission will be determined by the drawing of lots. This activity will take place at the school and be supervised by a person entirely independent of the Admissions Authority and the school.

Please read the full notes and definitions in the full policy available from the school or at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions. The School's supplementary information form is also available here.