

St Mark's CE Primary School

We are a Church of England Voluntary Aided school and as such, the governing body is the admissions authority. We are an inclusive school that welcomes children from all backgrounds and abilities whilst promoting the values and ethos of a Christian community.

We would expect families applying for a school place at St Mark's CE Primary to support the Christian ethos and values of the school. All applications will be subject to our agreed and published admissions criteria and will be treated on merit and in a sensitive manner.

Statements of SEN

Where a child has a statement of SEN, that names the school as a placement, the child will be admitted accordingly.

Oversubscription criteria

When we are over-subscribed for a place in the school, we apply our admissions criteria to decide which pupils will be offered a place.

The criteria are:

1. All Children Looked After (CLA) in the care of a local authority.
2. Children of parents, at least one of whom is a regular worshipper in the Parish Church of St. George with St Anne and St Mark.
3. Children of parents, at least one of whom is a regular worshipper at another Christian Church which belongs to 'Churches Together in England' or the Evangelical Alliance.
4. Children who have been baptised into the Christian faith and can provide a Baptismal Certificate or equivalent proof.
5. Children whose brothers and sisters are pupils at the school at the time of admission
6. Children of parents, at least one of whom is a regular worshipper in another faith tradition as recognised by SACRE.
7. Children with strong medical or other exceptional reasons for attending St Mark's. Documentary evidence is required from a doctor, social worker or educational psychologist to support the application.
8. Other children whose parents/carers wish them to have the denominational education that an Anglican

school provides.

9. All/any other children.

In the event of over-subscription in all of the above categories, priority will be given to those children living nearest the school (measured using the same method as that used by the Local Authority). 'Looked-after' children are those who are in public care.

Please read the 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.