

**ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR**  
**Reception Class 2022**  
**AINSDALE ST JOHN'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**ADMISSIONS TO THIS SCHOOL**

We welcome all children from the community as well  
as those from Christian and other faith backgrounds

Parents or guardians considering applying for a place at Ainsdale St John's C of E are warmly invited to visit the school by appointment to meet the headteacher, staff and children.

Our school continues to be popular. Our standard admission number which is set by the government as a legal limit, is 30 in our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes.

As a voluntary aided primary school decisions about admissions remain the responsibility of the governing body. After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school, and where the number of applications received exceeds 30 the governors will apply the following **oversubscription criteria**.

**Criteria 1**

Children in public care and previously looked after children.

*A looked after child is a child who at the time of making an application to a school, is in the care of a local authority or is being provided with accommodation by a local authority in England in the exercise of their social services functions (see definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). This includes children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.*

**Criteria 2**

Children who have a brother or a sister currently attending the school and who will still be there at the start of the academic year in which the child takes up his/her place.

**Criteria 3**

Those children whose parents worship regularly in St John's Church, Ainsdale.

**Criteria 4**

Those children whose parents worship regularly at another Christian church.

**Criteria 5**

Other children

## **DEFINITIONS**

### **Parents**

A Parent is defined as the person with parental responsibility.

### **Siblings**

Sibling includes step brothers and sisters living at the same address.

### **Other Christian churches**

Churches which belong to “Churches Together in Britain and Ireland”.

### **Worship**

Regular attendance is defined as one parent attending traditional church services, Messy Church or The Event worship at least twice a month for at least six months.

A reference letter of support from the clergy will be required.

Please Note : During the COVID pandemic, churches and other religious buildings have been closed by law for public worship and for other uses. In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

## **SELECTION PROCEDURE**

The Governors will accept all the applications in Criteria 1, then those in Criteria 2 and so on until all the thirty places available for admission are filled.

### **TIE BREAKER CLAUSE**

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria above, then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child’s home to the nearest school gate.

The Local Authority will measure from the property’s address point to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the Authority at the time of measurement).

NB. Evidence of the parents’ address may be required.

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