



## **HOLY TRINITY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CRITERIA 2027-2028**

### **The 2021 School Admissions Code and the Schools Admissions Criteria**

The 2021 School Admission Code determines the content of the schools admissions criteria.

### **Proposed Determined Admissions Criteria 2027 - 2028**

Holy Trinity is a Church of England Primary School with a nursery. We welcome applications from all members of the community, and we ask parents and pupils to respect the Christian character of our school and its importance to our community. Our vision is that all learners will be **Empowered, Inspired and Prepared**, so that they may shine their light in all that they do.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven.”

Matthew 5: 14-16

All applications for children from Reception to Year 6 should be made via Hackney Education’s Admissions Page.  
<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/section/admissions-and-transfers>

Nursery applications should be made via the school. They can be made at any time, though enrolment will only begin the term after the child’s third birthday.

Children who have the school named in their Education Health and Care Plan (EHP) are required to be admitted to the school and will be counted against the admission number.

The school has an admission number of 30. In the case of there being more applications than places available, the governors will give 15 foundation places and 15 open places, or in the same ratio after places have been given to children who are in public care.

The following criteria will be used by the governors, in order of priority if a year group is over-subscribed; this has been determined in line with the 2021 School Admission Code.

The criteria in order:

1. A looked-after child or a child who was previously looked after, but ceased to be so because, immediately after being looked after, they became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order. This includes those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

#### **Foundation Places:**

2. Children of parents who are practising Anglicans and who live in the parishes of Holy Trinity with St Phillip, Dalston and All Saints Haggerston. Attendance must be confirmed by the vicar of the Parish.
3. Children of parents who are practising members of a Christian denomination who live outside the parish for whom this is the nearest Church of England school. Attendance must be confirmed by the vicar of the Parish.

#### **Open Places:**

4. Children who have a sibling attending the school at the time they would attend.
5. Children of staff in either or both of the following circumstances:
  - a. where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
  - b. the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
6. Children whose acute medical or social needs justify the allocation of a place at the school. Supporting evidence from a doctor or social worker must be provided at the time of application, setting out the particular reasons why this school is the most suitable and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another.
7. Children who live in the parishes of Holy Trinity with St Phillip, Dalston and All Saints Haggerston and wish for their child to attend because of its Christian ethos.

8. Children whose parents belong to another world faith in the community and wish to attend because of its religious traditions and who are in sympathy with this tradition and who live within the parishes of Holy Trinity with St Phillip, Dalston and All Saints Haggerston.

#### **In-Year Admissions:**

Applications for In-Year admissions are made in the same way as those made during the normal admissions round. If a place is available and there is no waiting list then the Local Authority will communicate that a place is offered to the family.

If more applications are received than there are places available, then applications will be ranked by the Governing Body in accordance with the oversubscription criteria, with children without an offer of a school place given priority immediately after other 'looked-after' children.

- 1 - Practising means a family who worship at least twice a month and has done so for a minimum period of six months.
- 2 - As defined by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and the Evangelical Alliance.
- 3 - A letter confirming affiliation and attendance to that faith must be signed by an accredited representative of that community.

#### **Children entering Reception Class**

Where a place has been offered:

- It is for a full-time place from the September following the child's fourth birthday;
- The place may be deferred until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age (the term after the fifth birthday) This means that parents of a child whose fifth birthday falls between 1 September 2027 and 31 March 2028 may request that their child is not admitted until later in the school year 2027/28 but no later than the term after the child's fifth birthday, when s/he reaches compulsory school age. For children born between 1 April and 31 August, this is not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which it was made. The school will hold any deferred place for the child.
- Where parents wish, a child may attend part-time until they reach compulsory school age.
- For children whose fifth birthday falls between 1 April 2027 and 31 August 2028, parents who do not wish them to start school in school year 2027-28, but to be admitted in September 2028 for school year 2028-29, should discuss this with the school at an early stage 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.

#### **Twins and children of multiple births:**

If only one place is available for more than one child, who are twins or of a multiple birth within the same family, the Governing Body will establish if the school is able to admit above numbers. If this is not possible, the allocation of the place will be determined by lottery which will be carried out by the Admissions Committee in the presence of an independent witness.

#### **Notes:**

##### **Looked After Child**

A "looked-after child" is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of its social services function (c) subject to an adoption order made under the Adoption Act 1976 (Section 12) or the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Section 46) (d) subject to a 'child arrangements order' which settles the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live (Children Act 1989, Section 8, as amended by the Children and Families Act 2014, Section 14) (e) subject to a 'special guardianship order' where one or more individuals are appointed to be a child's special guardian/s (Children Act 1989, Section 14A). This includes those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. Applications under this criterion must be accompanied by evidence to show that the child is looked after or was previously looked after (e.g. a copy of the adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order)."

##### **Siblings**

In all categories children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of their proposed entry will be given priority. This refers to a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.

##### **Distance**

When deciding between applicants who appear to have equal entitlement to admission under any criteria, the governors will offer the place to the applicant who lives nearest to the main entrance to the school in Beechwood Road measured by a straight line. If two applicants live exactly the same distance from the school, the place will be allocated by lottery.

#### **Parents / Family Member**

A parent is any person who has parental responsibility or care of the child. Where admission arrangements refer to parents' attendance at church, it is sufficient for just one parent to attend. 'Family members' include only parents and siblings.

#### **Waiting List:**

If a place cannot be offered at this time then you may ask the school for the reason(s) and you will be informed of your right to 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 that the applications were received.

When a place becomes available, the Governing Body will decide who is at the top of the list so that the Local Authority can inform the parent that the school is making an offer. Names are removed from the list at the end of each academic year.

The school maintains a waiting list. Children are ranked in the waiting list in accordance with the school over subscription criteria. Admissions outside the normal admissions round will be considered in accordance with the schools In-Year Admissions criteria.

It should be understood by parents that a place in the nursery does not give a child automatic entry to the reception class.

#### **Late applicants:**

These will be added to the waiting list if the year group they are applying for is over-subscribed. In the event of a place becoming available, all applicants currently on the waiting list are considered in line with the school's admission criteria and a place is offered accordingly.

*Information about which streets and residences are included in the Parishes of Holy Trinity with St Philip, Dalston and All Saints Haggerston can be found from the Church Finder section of the Diocesan website (<http://www.london.anglican.org/ChurchFinder>)*



## HOLY TRINITY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

### Supplementary Information Form

This form is for applications for a Foundation place and should be completed and returned to the school office.

If you would like your child to be considered for a place at Holy Trinity Primary School you must also complete the application form which is available online [here](#).

#### **Section 1 – To be completed by Parent(s) / Guardian(s)**

Date when place is required:		
Child's surname:		
Child's first name:		
Date of birth:		
Name of parent(s) / guardian(s):		
Permanent address where child normally lives:		
Contact phone number(s):		

#### **Section 1 – To be completed by Vicar / Religious Leader at place of worship:**

Name and address of Church / Place of Worship attended:	
Name of Vicar / Religious Leader:	
Does the family worship at least twice a month?	
Have the family done so for at least six months?	
Signed:	
Print name:	
Date:	
Official stamp:	