

# Admissions Procedure

## IN YEAR ADMISSION TO ALL SAINTS ACADEMY, PLYMOUTH 2020-21

### Statement of All Saints Academy, Plymouth procedure for admissions

All Saints Academy Plymouth's Governing Body is the Admission Authority and responsible for operating All Saints Academy's admission policy. This document explains how All Saints Academy's Governors operate their admission policy for in-year admissions.

### PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR A PLACE AT ALL SAINTS ACADEMY, PLYMOUTH

An in-year admission is any admission that takes place outside the main Secondary School admission procedures that occur at 11 years of age for entry into Year 7. All in-year applications to All Saints Academy, Plymouth are made via the academy's application form, which can be found on the website.

All Saints Academy will notify the parent in writing as to whether there is a place available for their child. In the event of a place not being available, the parents will be informed in the same letter, the procedure for being placed onto the waiting list and also, if they wish to appeal the decision, how to go about this process. All Saints Academy also notifies the Local Authority of the outcome of each application.

### ADMISSION CRITERIA

The admission criterion is as follows:

1. Looked after children and all previously looked after children. 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 their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).
2. Children whose siblings currently attend the academy and who will continue to do so on the date of application. Sibling means children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters;
3. Children who are (or whose parents are) faithful and regular worshippers at an Anglican Church. Regular Worship is defined as attendance at an Anglican Church at least once a month for at least one year. A Supplementary Information form will need to be completed if applying under this criterion and returned to the school with the application form.
4. Children who are (or whose parents are) faithful and regular worshippers at churches included in 'Churches Together in England' or the 'Evangelical Alliance'. Regular Worship is defined as attendance at a church included in 'Churches Together in England' or the 'Evangelical Alliance' at least once a month for at least one year. A supplementary information form will need to be completed if applying under this criterion and returned to the school with the application form.

5. Children from the following feeder primary schools :Hyde Park Junior School, Knowle Primary School, Manadon Vale Primary School, Mayflower Community Academy, Montpelier Primary School, Pennycross Primary School, Shakespeare Primary School, St Andrew's C of E [VA], St Budeaux Foundation C of E [VA] Junior School, St Edward's C of E [VC] Primary School, St George's C of E [VA] Academy, St Matthews C of E Primary and Nursery Academy, St Peter's C of E [VA] Primary School, Compton C of E [VC] Primary School, Mary Dean's C of E [VC] Primary School;

6. Other children measured by a straight line on the map using Plymouth City Council's electronic mapping system – the shorter the distance, the higher the priority. Measurement points will be from the spatial locator identified by the National Land and Property Gazetteer. The spatial locator is the address point based on a general internal point. Flats are therefore taken to be the same measurement point regardless of floor of location.

## **WAITING LISTS**

All Saints Academy maintains a waiting list for each year group which only includes the children whose parents have either requested to be placed on it or have submitted an appeal. These waiting lists are cleared at the end of the Christmas, Easter and summer terms and parents are informed of the need to contact the school again should they wish their child to be kept on it. If a place becomes available, All Saints Academy will notify the family whose child is top of the waiting list. The waiting list is kept in order of our published admission criteria and it is likely that a child's position on the list will move as other children are added or removed.

## **ADMISSION NUMBERS**

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for All Saints Academy is as follows:

- Year 8 = 110
- Year 9 = 120
- Year 10 = 120
- Year 11 = 100

This figure is the maximum number that All Saints can admit given the physical size of the school (as calculated using the Secretary of State's formula for assessing the size of a school) and the structure of the school curriculum. Parents have the right to state a preference for All Saints and the Governors are obliged to meet parent's wishes, unless to do so would be prejudicial to efficient education or the efficient use of resources. Where it is not possible to comply with a stated preference parents can request that the School Admission Appeal Panel consider the matter.

## **Prejudice to efficient education**

The Governors of All Saints Academy have considered the implications of admitting more children to the year group than the published admission number. To admit an additional child in a school such as All Saints, the Governors have to weigh up the advantage to the individual child against the disadvantage to existing children resulting from:

- Oversized teaching groups and therefore the quality of teaching and learning in the group overall. In certain subjects there are also health and safety implications.
- Undue pressure on the school's limited accommodation by enlarged class sizes.

## **Prejudice to the efficient use of resources**

The Governors of All Saints Academy have also considered the implications with regard to the resourcing of the school whereby to admit further students the school will be prejudicial to the efficient use of resources. Examples of this, although not an exhaustive list, are:

- Where admission numbers have already reached the intake level where the school has been staffed to.
- Where the school has reached the capacity of accommodation available and other schools in the area have spare capacity.

The arrangements for the admission of children to All Saints Academy have been made in accordance with the requirements of legislation and therefore comply with the School Admissions Code, December 2014.

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