



ST PHILIP'S C E PRIMARY SCHOOL **ADMISSION CRITERIA for 2026/2027**

St Philip's Primary School is a Voluntary Aided Church School. Supplementary forms **must** be completed when applying for a place at our school regardless of the category under which you are applying and even if you have a sibling who attends already. Parents with siblings in school must complete the relevant documentation.

In Addition

If you are applying under category 3, 4 or 5 you will **also** be required to complete our Ministers Reference form.

Forms must be **requested** from the school office and must be returned to school by **15th January 2026**.

If you are applying under category 1, the admissions authority of St Philip's Primary School will check and where necessary request evidence from parents to demonstrate the child is eligible for priority under oversubscription category 1.

The admissions Criteria for the school are as follows:

- 1) Looked After (**LAC**), and children who were previously Looked After children (**PLAC**) (in state care) but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, child arrangement order or Special Guardianship or children who appear to the admissions authority of the school to have been in state care outside of England and cease to be in state care because they were adopted (**IPLAC**)
- 2) Children who have a brother or sister attending school and who will still be there at the start of the new academic year.
- 3) Children who regularly attend worship at St. Philip's and St. Paul with Wesley with an immediate family member
- 4) Children who regularly attend worship with an immediate family member at another Anglican or Methodist Church.
- 5) Children who attend worship regularly with an immediate family member at some other Christian Church which is designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York or locally by the diocesan bishop, or is a member of Churches Together in England or the Evangelical Alliance, or a partner church of Affinity.
- 6) Other children decided by distance

“ 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 church [or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] or alternative premises have been available for public worship”.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school and where there are more applications than places available, the Admissions committee will place each application into one of the criteria categories set out above, depending on the answers given on the application form and the additional information provided.

The committee will then accept all the applications in category 1), and then those in the category 2) and so on until the 30 places available for admission are filled.

Tie Breaker Clause – distance from home to school. Distance measurements are provided by the Local Authority.

Definitions

Definition of **immediate family member** as defined by the Governing Body of St Philips Primary School is the Legal Parents, Carers or Guardians, Maternal or Paternal Grandparents, Aunt, Uncle or Older Sibling who is 18 or older.

Definition of **brothers and sisters**. This includes stepbrother and stepsister living in the **same** household.

Regular worship is defined as one parent or an immediate family member attending worship at least twice a month for the six months period 1st January 2025 to 30th June 2025. **(A Ministers reference form must be completed and submitted to the school office by 15th Jan 2026.)**

In the event that during the period specified for attendance of 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 Church (or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship) or alternative premises have been available for public worship

Definition of **Looked After** (LAC) as defined by the Governing Body of St Philips Primary School is a child who is in the care of the local authority in England or is being provided with accommodation by the local authority in England in the exercise of their social services function.

PLAC - 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.

PLAC - children who were previously looked after by English local authorities