

THURLASTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2017-18

Mission Statement

At Thurlaston CE Primary School, we are committed to:

- Teaching and living the Christian way of life
- Providing quality education for every child
- Developing respect and consideration for all members of the community.

Admissions Policy

Thurlaston CE Primary School is a Voluntary Aided School. The Governors are the admission authority, and welcome applications for places from all families in the Parish of Thurlaston. The school is very popular and applications are often also received from outside the Ecclesiastical Parish area.

Our normal planned admission number is 16.

Where there are more applications than places in school, places are allocated in accordance with the following order of criteria:

1. Children who are 'looked after' (i.e. in the care of the local authority pursuant to Section 31, 3c of the Children Act 1989 or children accommodated by a local authority pursuant to Section 20 of the Children Act 1989) or were previously looked after children. (*Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.)*)
2. Children who live within the Ecclesiastical parish of Thurlaston.
3. Children of parents who are on the electoral roll of All Saints Church, Thurlaston, but who live outside the boundaries of the Ecclesiastical Parish.
4. Children whose siblings attend the school at the time of admission. [*Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling. DCSF definition*].
5. Children whose parents are members of the Christian Church and wish their children to receive a Christian education. (*The accepted evidence of this will be provided by a letter from their minister.*)
6. All other children.

N.B. If within any category, the number of places available is insufficient, places will be allocated on the basis of proximity to the school, by measurement of distance in a straight line from the point that the home property's front entrance meets a public highway to the school's main designated front gate, using a computerised mapping system. In a very few cases, it may not be possible to decide between the applications of those pupils who are the final qualifiers for a place (e.g. children who live at the same address [flats] or have the same distance measurement). If there is no other way of separating the applications and if to admit both or all of the children would cause the legal limit to be exceeded, then the child (or children) who will be offered the place(s) will be randomly selected by drawing lots.

Admissions Process

Admission applications **must** be made to the Local Authority's by 15th January 2017. Parents may apply online at www.leics.gov.uk/admissions or using the Local Authority Common Admissions Form. Parents should also complete the school's own admission form and return this to the school.

Admission decisions will be sent to parents by the Local Authority on 16th April 2017.

Appeals against refusal of admission are to be submitted to the Diocesan Director of Education.

Signed Date