

THURLASTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2022-23

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 Church of England School. The Governors are the admission authority, and welcome applications for places from all families. We are inclusive of all pupils of any faith or none but expect all pupils and parents to support the Christian ethos of the school. We put our Christian values at the heart of all that the school does.

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 in the school catchment area.
3. 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].*
4. Children who attend a Christian Church regularly. *(The accepted evidence of this will be provided by their minister using the attached supplementary form)*
5. 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.

N.B.B. The arrangements refer to "children who attend a Christian Church regularly" and this means attendance at a Christian Church once a month for a period of a year prior to the deadline for applications which is 15th January 2021. In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship, if the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admission arrangements in relations to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

Admissions Process

Admission applications **must** be made to the Local Authority's by 15th January 2022. Parents should apply online at www.leics.gov.uk/admissions. Parents who wish to be considered under criteria 1 need to provide proof of entitlement directly to the school: Parents applying under criteria 4 should use the attached supplementary form directly to the school.

Admission decisions will be sent to parents by the Local Authority on 16th April 2022.

Appeals against refusal of admission are to be submitted to the Diocesan Director of Education, St Martins House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester, LE1 5PZ. **Website:** <https://www.leicesterdbe.org/schools/admissions-and-appeals/>
Email: officedbe@leicesterdbe.org **Telephone:** 07596 855 610



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Evidence of Regular Attendance at Church

If you would like your application to be considered on the grounds of church attendance (criteria 4), please ask your minister to complete this form and forward it to school as part of the admission process.

Dear minister,

The parents of

wish for their child to be considered for admission to our school based on the criteria of church attendance. We believe you are best placed to decide on what is regular attendance given your knowledge of the family and their individual circumstances however most people normally consider attendance of once a month for a period of a year as regular. Please could you complete the reverse of this letter and return it to us.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Beetham



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Supplementary Application Form

Church Attendance Evidence

Name of Child

- ☐ The above child attends regularly.
- ☐ The above child does not attend regularly.
Please tick one box.

Signed

Name of Minister.....

Name of church.....