

East Bridgford St. Peter's C. of E. Academy

Admissions' Policy for the School Year 2015 to 2016

School Office: 01949 20226

Application for Places

Our Academy Catchment Area serves the villages of East Bridgford, Newton and Kneeton. However, in the event of under-subscription from our Catchment Area, we also welcome out of catchment applications. Our Published Admission Number (P.A.N.) is 30.

Visits welcome

The opportunity to visit St. Peter's and sense the extremely positive and vibrant atmosphere is always available. To access this simply ring the School Office to make an appointment.

Application for First Admission Places in Primary Education

Children will be admitted to our Foundation Stage (Reception) in the September following their fourth birthday i.e. children who will reach their 5th birthday between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015. Parents can request that the date their child is admitted to the school is deferred until later in the school year or until their child reaches compulsory school age in that year (School Admissions Code 2012, 2.16a) or parents can request that their child attends part time until their child reaches compulsory school age (Admissions Code 2012, 2.16b). Children must be attending school no later than the term after they are 5 years old.

Pupils who have an Education and Health Care Plan related to a statement of special educational needs, where East Bridgford St. Peter's is named in the Plan, will be admitted.

Admissions Criteria

In the event of over subscription, the following criteria will be applied, in priority order, to determine which application will be granted:

1. Children who are or have previously been looked after.
2. Children who live in the catchment area at the time of admissions and have a sibling already attending East Bridgford St. Peter's.
3. Children who live in catchment.
4. Children out of catchment with siblings who are already attending East Bridgford St. Peter's.
5. Children whose parents are involved in a Church (within 'Churches Together in Britain') and regular Church worshippers or involved in the life and work of the Church of England, as attested to by the 'Minister' (e.g. Vicar/Priest in Charge), in writing.
6. Children who live outside the Catchment Area without siblings already attending East Bridgford St Peter's (allocated in terms of distance, nearest to the school first).

Outside Catchment (additional information)

If places remain after applicants from the catchment area have been accommodated, places will be allocated as follows:-

- Children whose parents live nearest to the school as measured from the direct distance as the crow flies, from the entrance to the child's home to the main administrative building using the local authority software.

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In the event of two distances being equal, a place will be awarded to both pupils

- Definition of regular worshippers means parents/guardians who have attended worship at least one Sunday a month over the previous year.
- Definition of 'involved in the life and work of' means parents/guardians means demonstrable specific involvement in the Church apart from regular worship throughout at least the previous year.

Church based application – You must provide a supplementary signed letter to verify Church involvement, which would normally be written by the relevant 'Minister' (e.g. Vicar, Priest in Charge etc.).

If a refusal letter is received any appeals should be lodged within 20 school days of the date of the letter.

A waiting list of unsuccessful applicants will be held until 31st December and then discarded. If places become available before then offers will be made in accordance with the order of priority listed above.

We also work in close partnership with Archbishop Cranmer C. of E. Academy in Aslockton. This is another successful and vibrant school, driven by the same values and high expectation, who would also welcome your interest and potential application.

In Year Applications for Children other than into Reception (Foundation Stage 2)

We welcome applications for children to join us, either in September or any time during the School Year, who are older than initial school entry age (i.e. requesting entry into Years' 1 to 6). In the event of over subscription the above criteria still apply.

Please contact the School Office (**01949 20226**) if you require any clarification on this or any other matter or would like to visit the Academy before submitting an application.

The Academy uses the same definitions as Nottinghamshire County Council and participates in Nottinghamshire County Council's in-year coordinated scheme. full details are available at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions

Pre-School and Early Years opportunities

We work very closely with our excellent local Pre-School (**East Bridgford St. Peter's Pre-School**), which is conveniently located in a building just next to St. Peter's itself. To find out more about this facility/opportunity or arrange a visit you should ring on 07922728090) or simply call in (to school or the W.I. Hut, next to school, where it meets). Our Pre-School offers places (8:45a.m. to 12:45p.m.) for children from the term after their 3rd birthday.

Definitions of terms (both for Academy, Early Years or Pre-School) are: 1st September to 31st December, 1st January to 31st March and 1st April to 31st August.

We also offer an Early Years' Class in school (11:45 to 3:30) for children just prior to school entry (i.e. the term after a child's fourth birthday, if they are not already in school full-time). For relevant children who attend St. Peter's Pre-School and are eligible to join our Early Years' Class, this can provide the opportunity for children, before full-time Academy entry (i.e. the academic year within which they have their fifth birthday), to access education from 8:45a.m. to 3:30p.m.. If you think you might be interested in this opportunity please contact our office or Pre-School.

N.B. Entry into our Pre-School or Early Years' Class does not guarantee a place within East Bridgford St. Peter's C. of E. Academy.