

INFORMATION SHEET - TO BE KEPT BY APPLICANT
Worksop St. Anne's Church of England (Aided) Primary School
ADMISSIONS POLICY
for the Academic Year beginning 1 September 2017 / 2018

INTRODUCTION

St. Anne's School is a Church aided primary school in Southwell & Nottingham Diocese and is maintained by Nottinghamshire County Council. This means that St Anne's Church and Southwell & Nottingham Diocese have contributed towards the cost of building the school and continue to care for its buildings and its people.

It is a Voluntary Aided School in which the Governing Body is responsible for admissions. It is guided in that responsibility by the requirements of the Law, by advice from Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Board of Education, its duty to the community and the common good. It adheres to the Department of Education School Admissions code December 2014, Nottinghamshire LA guidelines and Fair Access Protocol.

In making an application for admission to St Anne's School, parents should be aware that their children will receive religious instruction in the Christian faith in accordance with the principles and practices of the Church of England and will receive their education in a Christian school.

The normal point of entry to the School is the Reception Class, in the September following the child's fourth birthday. It is the Governors' intention to admit 30 pupils to the Reception Class in line with the Government's Class Size Initiative. The Governors' policy is to set the maximum size of all classes at 30 unless there are exceptional circumstances.

St Anne's School is currently one of the Outwood Academy Portland family of schools in the Worksop area and the majority of pupils, attaining the age of 11+, proceed to Outwood Academy Portland for their secondary education. The list of Church of England Secondary Schools in Southwell & Nottingham Diocese can be obtained via the School Office – parents should note that these Schools have their own admissions policies and attendance at St Anne's School does not guarantee a place at them.

Please note: St Anne's School does not have a Catchment Area.

COORDINATED SCHEME FOR ADMISSIONS

Details of the coordinated scheme can be obtained from Nottinghamshire County Council (www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk).

Applications for places are made to the home local authority. The Governors of St Anne's School request that an additional form "**Worksop St Anne's Church of England (Aided) Primary School: Supplementary form**", which is available from the School, be completed and returned to the School by the closing date for applications.

ADMISSION OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA (to be read in conjunction with the Explanatory Notes)

The published admission number is 30.

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Need, Educational Health and Care Plan that names St Anne's Church of England (Aided) Primary School will be admitted.

All other applications for admission will be considered and placed in a order of priority. 1 will represent those children most likely to gain admission and criterion 10 those least likely to gain admission if applications exceed the Published Admission Number (PAN) of 30.

The Governors will use the supplementary form "*Worksop St Anne's Church of England (Aided) Primary School: Application for Admission*" when considering applications. This form asks for information that will enable the Governors to determine whether the child is a Christian child and whether the parents worship regularly at St Anne's Parish Church or at another Christian Church. If the additional information is not submitted, it may not be possible to determine whether or not the child has been baptised or whether or not the parents worship regularly.

Within each category priority is given to those who live closest to the school determined by distance measurements, See notes 1 and 2. according to the distances measured by Nottinghamshire County Council, (see notes 1 and 2).

1. Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children
2. **Christian children** who worship or whose parents/carers worship regularly at St Anne's Parish Church and who have been baptised into the Christian Church or those formally received into a Christian Denomination or those whose parents have been formally received into a Christian Denomination or those whose parents are preparing for reception into a Christian Denomination.
3. Christian children who worship or whose parent/carer worship regularly at another Christian Church
4. Christian children who have siblings attending St Anne's School at the time of admission.
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8. Children who are worshipping members, or whose parents are worshipping members, of other World Faiths.
9. Children of staff at the school;
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
10. All other children.

Twins and multiple births – where one child of a multiple birth can be admitted, the other child/children will also be admitted.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Terms and definitions

1. **Home address** - The child's place of residence is taken to be the parental home, other than in the case of children fostered by a local authority, where either the parental address or the foster parent's address may be used. Where a child spends part of the week in different homes, one of which is not a parental address, their place of residence will be taken to be their parent or parents' address. If a child's parents live at separate addresses, where the child permanently spends at least 3 'school' nights i.e. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday will be taken to be the place of residence. Addresses of other relatives or friends will not be considered as the place of residence, even when the child stays there for all or part of the week. Evidence that a child's place of residence is permanent may also be sought. Such evidence should demonstrate that a child lived at the address at the time of the application, and will continue to live there after the time of admission. Informal arrangements, even between parents, will not be taken into consideration. The governing body may also seek proof of residence from the courts regarding parental responsibilities in these matters.

For children of UK service personnel (UK armed forces) or crown servants returning from overseas to live in this area a place will be allocated in advance of the family returning from overseas to live in this area provided the application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date and Unit postal address or quartering area address. This address will be used for any distance measurement.

2. **Distance measurements** – When required to determine priority for admission, distance will be measured in a straight line from the entrance to the child's home to the principal entrance to the main administrative building of the school. This will be calculated using

Nottinghamshire County Council's computerised distance measuring software. In the event of needing to choose between pupils living in the same block of flats, with the same distance measurement, the lowest numbered flat(s) will be treated as being closest to the school.

3. Looked after child and previously looked after child - For school admissions the County Council will use the following definition:

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 the school.

A previously looked after child is one who was looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.) This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 and children who were adopted under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

Child arrangement orders are defined in section 8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by section 12 of the Children and families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order.

Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

4. Christian children are children who have been baptised into the Christian Church, or those formally received into a Christian Denomination, or those whose parents have been formally received into a Christian Denomination, or those whose parents are preparing for reception into a Christian Denomination. Documentary evidence may be required.

Christian Church and Christian Denomination refer to Churches in membership of Churches Together in Nottinghamshire.

5. Worship regularly is regarded as attendance at Church averaging at least once each month over the 12 months prior to the date of the Governors' Admissions Committee meeting that considers applications for admission, as evidenced by reference to the Attendance Book maintained at St Anne's Church or as testified to by the local minister/priest/pastor at any other Church. Parents attending St Anne's Church are advised to sign the Register of Attendance which is placed at the back of the Church.

6. Parents – For school admissions the LA will consider the following to be parents:

- the mother of the child
- an adoptive parent
- the father of the child where he was married to the mother either when the child was born or at a later date
- the father of the child if (since 1 December 2003) he was registered as the father on the birth certificate
- any other person who has acquired 'parental responsibility' through the courts.

7. Siblings are regarded as

- a brother or sister who share the same parents
- a half-brother or half-sister or legally adopted child living at the same address as the child

- a child looked after by a local authority placed in a foster family with other school age children
- stepchildren or children who are not related but live as a family unit, where parents both live at the same address as the child.

8. Tie-breaker – where two applications that cannot otherwise be separated, a randomized process will be used supervised by someone independent of the school.

All applications made for entry to St Anne's School will be considered by the Governors' Admissions Committee.

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, eg if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. In addition, the parents of a summer born child may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group - to reception rather than Year 1.

Decisions will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parents' views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. They will also take into account the views of the Head Teacher of the school. The school will seek guidance from the LA in all cases.

Where it is agreed that a child will be admitted out of the normal age group and, as a consequence of that decision, the child will be admitted to a relevant age group (i.e. the age group to which pupils are normally admitted to the school) the local authority and admission authority will process the application as part of the main admissions round on the basis of their determined admission arrangements only, including the application of oversubscription criteria where applicable. The parent has a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. This right does not apply if they are offered a place at the school but it is not in their preferred age group.

Where a child has been educated out of the normal age group it is the parent's responsibility to again request admission out of the normal age group when they transfer to secondary school. It will be for the admission authority of the preferred school to decide whether to admit the child out of the normal age group.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **False Information**

The Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a place or, if the child has already begun attending the School, to require the removal of the child, if the offer of a place has been made on the basis of fraudulent or intentionally misleading information being supplied on the Common Application Form and/or St Anne's own supplementary form.

- **Late Applications**

Late Applications for Reception Class will be dealt with in accordance with Nottinghamshire County Council's coordinated scheme.

- **In-year applications**

The school participates in Nottinghamshire County Council's in-year coordinated scheme. In the event of a place being available in the appropriate year group then that will be offered by Governors but communicated to parents by Nottinghamshire County Council. If no places are available, the child's name will be added to the waiting list and will be subject of movement up or down the waiting list as described above; parents will be offered the right of appeal.

Where mid-term applicants are received from children for whom this school is the named school in a statement of special educational needs or from children 'looked after' by the Local Authority the school will admit regardless of whether or not a place is available in that year group.

Applications will be considered by the Admissions Committee and, if a vacancy exists in the appropriate class, a place will be offered subject to the Oversubscription Criteria being applied.

Waiting List

In conjunction with Nottinghamshire County Council, the School maintains a waiting list until the end of the Autumn Term of those unsuccessful Reception Class applicants. The Governing Body maintains a waiting list for applicants for admission to other classes. The list is for parents who would still like their child to be considered if and when a vacancy arises in the appropriate class. Whenever a vacancy arises the Governors review all those waiting for a place in that particular year group and apply the oversubscription criteria to determine which place is offered. The governing body then notify Nottinghamshire County Council who will write to parents

Appeals

Parents have the right to make a formal appeal against a decision not to offer them a place for their child at the school of their choice. Full details of the appeal procedure will be provided at the time admission is refused. Parents should lodge an appeal within 20 school days of the notification of the decision.

Confirmation of acceptance of offered place

Once the LA has written to parents informing them of the allocated school for their child, the local authority will write to parents of children allocated places at St Anne's School asking them to confirm that they wish to accept the place that has been offered.

This policy reflects the governing body's commitment to ensuring that the admissions process is fair and non-discriminatory and should ensure that any equal opportunity issues arising from the process are included.

Fair Access Protocol

The government has stated that all Local Authorities must have a Fair Access agreement that allows hard to place children to be given a place before any over-subscription criteria are applied and before anyone is considered under the oversubscription criteria.

St Anne's participates in Nottinghamshire County Council's Fair Access Protocol.

The purpose of the Fair Access Protocol is to ensure that vulnerable children are offered a school place as quickly as possible and to evenly spread children with additional needs across all schools in the county. The protocol only applies to mid-term applications; it does not operate when children transfer from primary school to secondary school.

Contact Address

For further information regarding Admissions to St Anne's School, please contact, in the first instance, the Head. The address and telephone number are:

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