



**THE GOVERNORS OF THE EDWARD BETHAM CHURCH OF
ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Oldfield Lane South, Greenford, Middlesex. UB6 9JU



**POLICY FOR ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL'S
NURSERY CLASS**

The school offers 25 morning and 25 afternoon places (which include places for children who attend all day). If the Nursery is oversubscribed, the Governors will give priority to applicants using the criteria in the order listed below. Those who are unsuccessful in obtaining a place can be placed on a waiting list (also in accordance with the criteria below) at the request of the parents/carers.

An offer of a Nursery place is made for one year only and a place at the Nursery does not automatically mean that a child will be able to transfer to the School. Another application for a place at the School must be made at the appropriate time.

Please Note-

1. Governors hope that parents/carers who have chosen this school for their child have done so knowing that it is a Church of England school with a distinctive Christian ethos. Governors therefore expect parents/carers to give their full support to the ethos of the school.
2. Governors hope that all children will attend acts of worship and will take part in the religious education curriculum, offered by the school. This does not in any way remove the right of parents/carers to request that their children be withdrawn from these activities.
3. Governors reserve the right to give priority to children who have documented social or medical needs and are resident in the parish of Greenford Magna. Copies of any documentation must be included with the SIF. The Governors will consider each case on its merits. Applications under this priority must be accompanied by a letter from a Consultant or Social Worker detailing how the school will fulfil the needs of the child and the difficulties that would be caused if they had to attend another school.

The Criteria for admission of children when the school is oversubscribed in order of priority:

1. **'Looked after Children'** – Looked after children (as defined by the Local Authority as children in public care subject to Section 22 of the Children Act (1989)) or children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order.
2. **Children of practising Church of England families** (see note 1)

At least one parent/carer applicant to be practising in the Church of England *for at least one year*, with a signed clergy reference. (see note 2)

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| a) | <i>Practising</i> in the parish of
This parish is given first preference | Greenford Magna (Holy Cross Church) |
| b) | <i>Resident</i> in any of the
parishes in a) or b) and
<i>practising</i> in the Church of
England. These parishes
will be given equal preference. | Greenford, All Hallows
Perivale, St. Mary with St Nicholas and Holy
Trinity, Perivale
Northolt, St. Barnabas
Northolt, St. Joseph the Worker
Northolt, St. Mary (St. Hugh and St. Richard)
Southall, Christ the Redeemer
Hanwell, St. Mary with St. Christopher |

3. Children with brothers or sisters or other siblings attending the school

The brother or sister must be in attendance at the time of the application and expected to be in attendance at the date of the proposed 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 of families who practice in other Christian churches (which are members of Churches Together in England or part of the Evangelical Alliance)

- a) Children of families who practise at churches which are members of the **Churches Together in England** or are part of the **Evangelical Alliance** and who are *resident* in any of the parishes named in Criteria 2 above.
- b) Children of families who practise at churches which are members of the **Churches Together in England** or are part of the **Evangelical Alliance** and who are *resident outside* of any of the parishes named in Criteria 2 above.

At least one parent/carer applicant to be practising in the Church *for at least one year*, with a signed clergy reference. (see note 2)

5. Children of World Faiths other than Christianity

Children resident in the parish of Greenford Magna, whose parents desire them to attend this school because of its Christian tradition. References from religious leaders should be provided on the SIF. (see note 2). The other main world faiths (in alphabetical order) are understood to be Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism.

6. Other children

- a) *resident* in the Parish of Greenford Magna;
- b) *resident outside* the parish of Greenford Magna.

Note 1. A parent/carer is any person who has parental responsibility for or is the legal carer of the child. Where our policy refers to parents/carers attending church, it is sufficient for just one parent/carer to attend. Family members include only parents/carers, as defined above, and siblings.

Note 2. The Governors regard attendance at *worship on a regular weekly basis* as a sign of Church of England practice. A similar degree of commitment to other churches or faiths is expected. Less frequent attendance may be considered where supporting evidence is provided by a Minister or Religious Leader.

Note 3. The address provided on the Supplementary Information Form will be used for ranking purposes. Where a child spends part of a week with one parent and part with another, the address provided must be the address at which the child spends the majority of the week.

Note 4. Information concerning whether an applicant's address falls within one of the named parishes can be obtained by using the postcode search at www.achurchnearyou.com

Note 5. In all categories, if after applying the criteria, two or more children have equal priority, the child who lives nearest the school will be given priority. The distance from home to school is measured by a straight-line, from a point in the property to a point in the school determined by the grid references for the centre of the school's postcode, as calculated by the Ealing Local Authority. [The measuring system is an integral part of the admission software produced by Tribal Technology Ltd. It uses Ordnance Survey maps and the LLPG (Local Land Property Gazetteer) and is accurate to 1 metre.]

Note 6. Tie Break - In the event of a tie we will operate a random allocation by drawing lots.

Note 7. It is the Parents or Carers who are the applicants on behalf of the children.

Note 8. In the event of a child not being admitted there is a right of appeal to an Independent Admissions Appeal Panel. The school will give details if necessary.