

School Admissions Policy 2015/16 (30 Places)

St Peter's Church of England School has a distinctive Christian ethos which is at the heart of this school and provides an inclusive, caring and supportive environment where children learn and flourish in a setting shaped by Christian values. We welcome applications from all members of the community and we ask all parents to respect the Christian ethos of our school and its importance in the community.

When there are more applications than there are places available, the Governors will admit pupils according to the following criteria, in order of priority below:

1. Looked after children, whose carer specifies a wish for a Church of England school. (Details to be supplied by the allocated social worker or foster carer). A looked after child is a child who is looked after by a local authority in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the time the application is made, and who the local authority has confirmed will still be looked after at the time the child is admitted. Children who are looked after under an agreed series of short-term placements (such as respite) are excluded.
2. Children with an exceptional and professionally supported medical or social need for a place at this school. This must be supported by written evidence, eg, from a specialist health professional, social worker, or other care professional which sets out the reasons why this school is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school. Pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs, who name St Peter's School, will be considered via the separate Local Authority process.
3. Children whose parents are faithful and regular* worshippers in St. Peter's Church, Walworth and who submit a supplementary form signed by a member of the clergy, confirming regular* attendance.
4. Children whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers in one of the following churches : St Christopher's – Tatum St, St John's – Larcom Street, St Paul's, Lorrimore Sq, for whom this is the nearest church school and who submit a supplementary form signed by a member of the clergy from their stated church, confirming regular* attendance.
5. Children who have siblings who are blood-relatives, step-siblings, foster and adopted children living at the same address already attending the School on the date of admission and who live within the Parish.
6. Children for whom this is the nearest primary school, measured by the shortest safe walking route between the pupil's front door (including flats) and the pupils' entrance gate in Liverpool Grove, SE17.
7. Children whose parents are faithful and regular* worshippers in those churches which are full members of the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and/or the Evangelical Alliance, who live within the Parish, and who submit a supplementary form signed by their Pastor or Minister confirming regular* attendance.
8. Children of other religious faiths, who live within the Parish and whose parents would like them to attend this School because of its religious tradition and who submit a supplementary form signed by their Faith Leader confirming regular* attendance.
9. If applicants do not fall into categories 1 to 8 above their applications will be placed in category 9 and if any places remain unfilled, priority will go to children who live closest to St. Peter's Primary School, measured by the shortest safe walking route between home and the pupils' entrance gate in Liverpool Grove, SE17.

Notes

1. **Home Address** – Where parents are living at different addresses and the responsibility for child care is shared; the Admissions Authority will deem the address where the child spends the majority of the week to be the Home Address.
2. **Flats** – The measurement will be taken from the actual front door of the flat to the Pupil Entrance at School
3. **In the event of a Tie Break Situation, the school would:-**
Twins/Triplet Scenarios – In this event, the place will be offered to one child and the parents advised that the other child/ren will go to the top of the Waiting List.
Equidistant Applicants - In the event that two or more applicants live equidistant from the school the Governing Body will draw lots to decide between applicants. This process will be independently supervised.
4. ***Regular:** Attending the relevant place of worship on average once per fortnight for at least six months