

Easton Church of England Academy

Admissions Policy 2020/21

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Easton CE Academy Admission Policy

For admissions for the school year 2020-2021

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One important way that the Church of England serves young people is through the provision of education. Therefore it is the intention of the Members of the Local Board of Easton CE Academy to offer education primarily to the local community, within the area of prime responsibility, which is the ecclesiastical parishes of Easton Holy Trinity with St Gabriel, St Lawrence and St Jude and Easton All Hallows. In doing so they continue the tradition established by the former Easton Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

Applications for a place at this school should be made to your home Local Authority in their common application form (CAF), either:

- Online at www.bristol.gov.uk/schoolsadmissions or from your local authority website
- By completing a paper form and sending it to:
School Admissions, PO Box 57, Bristol, BS99 7EB or your home local authority equivalent.

If the school is not oversubscribed all applicants will be offered a place.

There is no automatic admission to Easton CE Academy from Easton CE Nursery and all parents/carers will have to apply for a place in reception for their child as described above.

Oversubscription criteria

Should there be by the due date, more applicants than the number of places available, the Members of the Local Board will admit in accordance with the following criteria, which are given in order of priority and which have been agreed between them and the Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust Main Board.

1. Children in Public Care and adopted children who were previously Children in Care.

‘Children in Public Care’ or ‘Looked after Children’ are children who are in the care of the local authority as defined by section 22 of the Children Act 1989. In relation to school admissions a ‘looked after child’ is only considered as such if the local authority confirms he or she will be in public care when he or she is admitted to school.

2. Siblings.

Siblings of pupils in attendance at Easton Church of England Academy who will still be on roll at the beginning of the school year in September 2020. Siblings are brother or sister, half brother or sister, step brother or sister, foster siblings, adopted siblings, the child of the parent/carer’s partner where the child for whom the place is sought is living permanently in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

3. Geography.

- i. Children living in the school’s area of first responsibility, which comprises the parishes Easton. (To view the Parish Boundary of Easton see Appendix 1)

In the event of over-subscription, priority will be given to those children living closest to the school within the area of first responsibility as measured in a direct line from the home address to the school.

After places have been allocated from within the area of first responsibility any remaining places will be allocated to those children living outside the designated geographical area as measured in a direct line from the home address to the school.

Tie Break

Where two or more children live in a flat or other multi-home dwelling and it is not possible to determine which applicant lives closest to the school ; the available place(s) will be allocated by drawing lots. Lots will be drawn by an appropriate person, independent of the admissions process at the school..

Infant class size (Reception, Year 1, Year 2)

Infant classes must not contain more than 30 pupils with a single school teacher. Additional children may be admitted under very limited exceptional circumstances. These children will remain an ‘excepted pupil’ for the time they are in an infant class or until the class numbers fall back to the current infant class size limit. The excepted children are

- Children admitted outside normal admissions round with an EHCP specifying a school
- Looked after children and previously looked after children admitted outside normal admissions round;
- Children admitted, after initial allocation of places, because of a procedural error made by the admission authority or local authority in the original application process;
- Children admitted after an independent appeals panel upholds an appeal
- Children who move into the area outside the normal admissions round for whom there is no other school available within a reasonable distance
- Children of UK service personnel admitted outside the normal admissions round
- Children whose twin or sibling from a multiple birth is admitted otherwise than as an excepted pupil
- Children with special educational needs who are normally taught in special educational needs unit attached to the school, or registered at a special school, who attend some infant classes within the mainstream school (Taken from The Admission Code 2014)

The Members of the Local Board Admissions Group will decide whether to admit an excepted pupil.

Admission Authority

The Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust (DBAT) is the admission authority, however may allocate their tasks to the Local Board of Easton CE Academy. They will allocate places on the basis of their published admission arrangements only. Any decision to offer or refuse admission will be taken by the Members of the Local Board Admissions Group.

Waiting lists

The school will maintain a clear, fair and objective waiting list until the end of the first term ie 31st October. Each added child will require the list to be ranked again in line with the published oversubscription criteria. Priority will not be given to children based on the date either their application was received or their name was added to the list. Looked after children will take precedence over those on the waiting list.

Admission of children below compulsory school age and deferred entry to school

All children who are offered a place are entitled to a full-time place in the September following their fourth birthday. However, parents can request that the date their child is admitted to the school is deferred until later in the school year or until the child reaches compulsory school age and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made. In addition, parents can request in writing that their child takes up the place part time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

N.B. Places in the nursery class cease for all children in the September following their fourth birthday.

Special Educational Needs

All children whose statement of special education needs (SEN) or Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) names the school will be admitted. Children with statements of Special educational needs and Education Health Care Plans follow the transfer arrangements set out in the SEN code of Practice and associated regulations and are not subject to the general admission arrangements.

Additional Notes

- i. The home address is where the child spends the majority of time and is living with the person who has parental responsibility and is the main ‘carer’ as defined in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 (documentary evidence may be requested). If a child regularly lives at more than one address the main address when allocating places will be the address where the Child Benefit is paid (if it is paid) and where the child is registered with a doctor.
- ii. Home to school distances will be measured in a direct line from a point on the home address as held by the Local Authority to a central point within the main school building using the Local Authority’s computerised mapping system.
- iii. When the furthest distance to qualify for a place relates to a household containing two or more children for whom applications are being made a place will be offered to twins and children from multiple births. The remaining child(ren) will be considered under the sibling criterion if further places become available.

Appendix 1 - Parish Boundary of Easton (outlined in orange)

