



St Thomas CE Academy

Birmingham

Proposed changes to the Admissions Policy 2023 - 2024

Current	Proposed changes
<p>Priority 1: Children looked after by a Local Authority (in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to the school and children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a Child Arrangements Order or Special Guardianship Order immediately following having been looked after. From September 2021, this includes those children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.</p>	<p>Priority 1: Children looked after by a Local Authority (in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to the school and children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a Child Arrangements Order or Special Guardianship Order immediately following having been looked after. This includes those children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.</p>
<p>Priority 2: Children with siblings at St Thomas Academy at time of entry. (Siblings as defined by Birmingham Local Authority)</p>	<p>Priority 2: Children with sibling(s) at St Thomas Academy at time of entry.</p>
<p>Priority 3: Children currently attending St Thomas Academy Nursery.</p>	<p>Priority 3: Children currently attending St Thomas Academy Nursery. To be removed</p>
<p>Priority 4: Children of parents who are of Christian/C of E denomination. a. Children of parents with a verified Church of England commitment. b. Children of parents with a verified commitment to a church recognised by Churches Together in England.</p>	<p>Priority 3: Children who both live within the parish of St Luke's Great Colmore Street (www.achurchnearyou.com), and whose parent/guardian regularly* attends the local Church of England Parish Church (St Luke's Church, Great Colmore Street).</p>
<p>Priority 5 Children who live nearest to the school.</p>	<p>Priority 4: Children who both live within the parish of St Luke's Great Colmore Street, and whose parent/guardian regularly* attends another Christian Church **.</p>
<p>In each case of a faith claim, the minister of the church concerned must verify there has been regular church attendance (attending at least once a month at worship for at least the</p>	<p>Priority 5: Children who live nearest the school.</p>

preceding year). If offering places within any one of the priorities would cause the school's admission number to be exceeded then children living nearest to the school (as measured by the local authority) will be offered places first.

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship

* In each case of a faith claim under priority 3 or 4 above, regular church attendance means attending at least twice a month at public worship for 12 months immediately preceding the Local Authority's deadline date for applications. This must be confirmed by the relevant minister completing the relevant part of the school's Supplementary Information Form (available from the school website:

<https://www.allsaintsmat.school/page/?title=Admissions&pid=46>).

** For the purposes of these admission arrangements 'Christian church' means a church which is Designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure 2018, nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, or locally by the diocesan bishop, or which is a member of Churches Together in England, or affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance or a Partner Church of Affinity. The list of nationally Designated churches can be found at:

www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-04/list_of_designated_churches_3_oct_18.pdf

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