



## Admissions 2024/25

*I have come that they may have life and have it to the full (John 10:10)*

<b>Policy Overview Info</b>	
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## **Admission Arrangements**

Christ the King Catholic & Church of England Primary School was founded in 2011. This school is voluntary aided, jointly operated by the Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury and the Anglican Diocese of Chester. The school welcomes applications from families of either faith, we encourage all parents to give their full and positive support for the aims and ethos of the school. The governing body is the admissions authority and has responsibility for admissions to this school.

The local authority undertakes the co-ordination of admission arrangements during the normal admission round. The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January and families will be informed of the final decision by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

For the school's year commencing September 2024, the Governing Body has set its admissions number at 30. Of these places 30 places, 18 will be set aside for Catholic children and 12 for Church of England children.

In the event that the school receives more applications than the number of places available, applications will be prioritised on the basis of the oversubscription criteria listed in.

### **Oversubscription Criteria:**

#### **1) Looked After Children**

A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school.

A 'previously' looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the governing body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

## **2) Places designated for Roman Catholic Children**

The governors have designated 18 places, to be offered to baptised Catholic children. If there are more than 18 qualified applicants, places will be allocated according to the following criteria. These are stated in order of priority:

- Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
- Baptised Catholic children from the parish of St Edward the Confessor.
- Baptised Catholic children from other parishes.

## **3) Places designated for Church of England Children**

The governors have designated 12 places, to be offered to children who are members of the Church of England. If there are more than 12 qualified applicants, places will be allocated according to the following criteria. These are stated in order of priority:

- Children whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers in the Church of England who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
- Children whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers at St Barnabas. (please see attached map)
- Children whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers in the Church of England

Where places designated for Catholic children remain unfilled, priority will be given to those children who fulfil the criteria set out for children from the Church of England. Similarly where places for children from the Church of England remain unfilled priority will be given to those who fulfil the criteria set out for Catholic children

## **4) Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission**

## **5) Other children who parents want them to have an education in a Joint Catholic and Church of England Primary School.**

If in any category there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of distance from home to school, those living nearer to the school having priority. This will be measured by the Local Authority in a straight line using the National Property Gazetteer .

All Catholic applicants will be required to produce baptismal certificates.

A parent for the Church of England criteria is 'any person who has parental responsibility or care of the child. Where admission arrangements refer to 'parents attendance at church' it is sufficient for just one parent to attend. For parents of Church of England applicants "faithful and regular" means attendance at a minimum of two services per month for at least six months prior to the closing date for applications. A letter from an incumbent or minister or other church officer will be required as proof of attendance. This should be sent to the school by

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".

Siblings are defined as brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parents/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address already attending the school and expected to continue at the school at the time of admission.

Please indicate which of the above criteria are being used to support your application.

### **Application Procedures and Timetable**

To apply for a place at this school in the normal admission round, you must complete a Common Application Form available from the local authority in which you live. You are also requested to complete the Supplementary Information Form attached to this policy Appendix 1. The Supplementary Information Form should be returned to the Head teacher at [admin@christtheking.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@christtheking.cheshire.sch.uk). By 15th January 2024. You will be advised of the outcome of your application on 16th April or the next working day, by the local authority on our behalf. If you are unsuccessful (unless your child gained a place at a school you ranked higher) you will be informed of the reasons, related to the oversubscription criteria listed above, and you have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel.

### **Children with EHCPs**

Section 324 of the Education Act 1996 requires the governing bodies of all maintained schools to admit a child with an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) that names their school.

## **Late applications for admission**

Where there are extenuating circumstances for an application being received after the last date for applications, and it is before the governors have established their list of pupils to be admitted, then it will be considered alongside all the others. Otherwise, applications which are received after the last date will be considered after all the others, and placed on the waiting list in order according to the criteria.

## **Waiting list**

Where we have more applications than places, the admissions criteria will be used. Children who are not admitted will have their name placed on a waiting list. The names on this waiting list will be in the order resulting from the application of the admissions criteria. Since the date of application cannot be a criterion for the order of names on the waiting list, late applicants for the school will be slotted into the order according to the extent to which they meet the criteria. Thus it is possible that a child who moves into the area later to have a higher priority than one who has been on the waiting list for some time. If a place becomes available within the admission number, the child whose name is at the top of the list will be offered a place. This waiting list will operate until the end of the Autumn term.

## **Address of pupil**

The address used on the school's admission form must be the current one at the time of application. If the address changes subsequently, the parents should notify the school. Where the parents live at different addresses, the current-at-the-application, normal address of the child will be the one used. This will normally be the one where the child wakes up for the majority of Monday to Friday mornings. Parents may be asked to show evidence of the claim that is being made for the address. Where there is dispute about the correct address to use, the governors reserve the right to make enquiries of any relevant third parties, e.g. the child's GP. For children of UK Service personnel and other Crown Servants returning to the area proof of the posting is all that is required.

## **Appeals**

Where the governors are unable to offer a place because the school is over-subscribed, parents have the right to appeal to an independent admission appeal panel, set up under the Schools Standards and Framework Act, 1998, as amended by the Education Act, 2002. Parents should notify the school within 20 days of receiving the letter refusing a place. Parents will have the opportunity to submit their case to the panel in writing and also to attend in order to present

their case. You will normally receive 14 days' notice of the place and time of the hearing.

If your child was refused a place in Reception or Key Stage 1 because of the Government limits on Infant class sizes, the grounds on which your appeal could be successful are limited. You would have to show that the decision was one which in the circumstances no reasonable governing body would have made, or that your child would have been offered a place if the governors' admissions arrangements had been properly implemented.

Please note that this right of appeal against the governors' decision does not prevent you from making an appeal in respect of any other school.

### **Fraudulent applications**

Where the governing body discovers that a child has been awarded a place as the result of an intentionally misleading application from a parent (for example a false claim to residence in the catchment area or if involvement in a place of worship) which effectively denies a place to a child with a stronger claim, then the governing body is required to withdraw the offer of the place. The application will be considered afresh and a right of appeal offered if a place is refused.

### **Deferred admission**

If your child is due to start school during the next academic year, it is important that you apply for a place for September. If your child's fifth birthday is between the months of September and December, then, if you wish it, admission may be deferred until January; if it is between January and April, then admission may be deferred until the start of the summer term though it is likely to be in your child's interest to start no later than in January.

### **Twins**

Where there are twins or multiple births wanting admission and there is only a single space left within the admission number, then the governing body will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. If only one place can be offered then a random allocation will be undertaken by an independent body. Parents will be advised of their right of appeal for the other child/ren.

### **Tie Break**

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. Distances are calculated [on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the front door of the child's home address (including the community entrance to flats) and the main entrance of the school] using the local authority's computerised measuring system. In the event of distances being the

same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

### **In-Year Applications**

An application can be made for a place for a child at any time outside the admission round and the child will be admitted where there are available places. Application should be made to the school by contacting Cheshire East Admissions. Where there are places available but more applications than places, the published oversubscription criteria, as set out in this policy, will be applied. You will be advised of the outcome of your application as soon as possible and in writing, and you have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel.

If there are no places available, the child will be added to the waiting list. Please see the admission arrangements for more details.

You will be advised of the outcome of your application in writing as soon as possible. Applicants must be informed of the outcome of their application within 15 school days of receipt, but the aim is to notify applicants of the outcome of their application within 10 school days of receipt.

You have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel if your application is unsuccessful.

If you have any questions in relation to in-year admissions please contact the headteacher via [admin@christtheking.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@christtheking.cheshire.sch.uk). You may also wish to discuss in-year applications with the local authority:

email [admissions@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or you can call 0300 123 5012

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/in-year-applications.aspx>

Cheshire East has a Fair Access Protocol agreed in partnership with the head teachers of both primary and secondary schools. These can be found on the Cheshire East Website.

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/fair-access-protocol.aspx>

Appendix 1



Supplementary form for Admission to School

*Please complete this form, returning it to the school office together with your child's birth certificate as soon as possible. The information which you supply will be treated as confidential by the Governors and the school.*

Surname ..... Forename(s) .....

Date of Birth ..... Position in Family .....

Parents' Name and Initials .....

Address .....

Post Code ..... Telephone No .....

E-mail .....

Names and addresses .....  
of others who also have  
parental responsibility .....



Roman Catholic

I confirm that my child is a Roman Catholic and I have attached a copy of the certificate of Baptism/Reception.

Name of current Parish .....

Name of Parish and the Priest who Baptised/Received your child  
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Church of England

I confirm that we are faithful and regular worshippers at

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Name of Vicar..... Tel No.....

Names of other siblings who attend Christ the King at the date of

Admission .....

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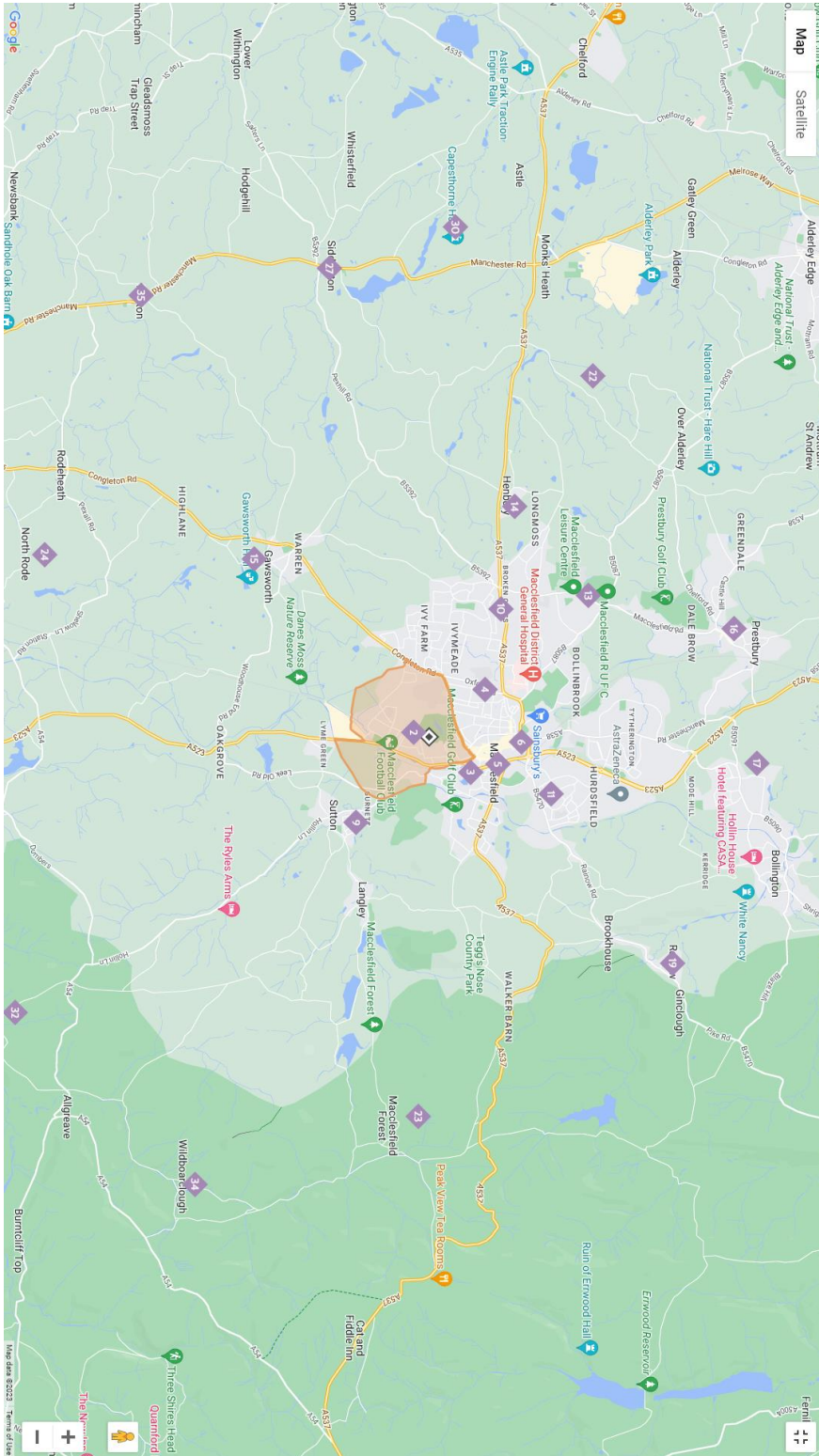
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Parent's signature .....

Date .....

## Appendix 2

### Boundary map for St Barnabas Church of England parish



Appendix 3

Boundary Map for St Edward the confessor

PARISH BOUNDARY - ST EDWARD, MACCLESFIELD

