

SECTION D
RELIGIOUS PRIMARY SCHOOLS' ADMISSION
ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2010/11

6. Other looked after children
7. Other children for whom there is a demonstrable need on the grounds of their acute medical or social need.
For educational or medical reasons, Headteachers can take into account any specific needs such as developmental, speech and language delay or physical needs. The school will require further information from doctors, hospital consultants, health visitors, education and child professionals.
8. Other children with a sibling on the roll of the school at the time of the proposed admission.
For these purposes, 'sibling' includes adopted siblings, step- or half-siblings, and other children who are living as permanent members of the household. Where necessary, preference will be given to multiple-birth children, to avoid them being split into separate schools.
9. Other children currently on the roll of the Simon Marks nursery.
Attendance in the nursery does not guarantee admission to the school for primary education. Applications must be submitted by parent(s)/ carer(s) whose children attend the nursery in the same way as other parents.
10. All other applicants.

In the event of there being insufficient vacancies to admit applicants in any of the categories detailed above, priority will be given to children living nearest to the school as measured in a straight line from the child's or childminder's front door to the main entrance of the school. NB If your child is cared for by a childminder during the week the minder's address can be used to determine nearness to school. The school will ask to see proof of this arrangement.

Waiting List

All unsuccessful applicants will be placed on a waiting list and children will be ranked on the list in accordance with the published over-subscription criteria above. The waiting list will be maintained throughout the school year.

Ranking on the waiting list is strictly based on the admissions criteria listed above. Priority will not be given to children based on the date of their application.

Closing date

The closing date for applications is 15 January 2010. Applicants are invited to refer to The Learning Trust (www.thelearningtrust.co.uk) for up-to-date information. For further information, please contact: The School Secretary, Simon Marks Jewish Primary School, 75 Cazenove Road, London N16 6PD.

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ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
Ballance Road, Homerton, London, E9 5SR

(This policy does not apply for admission to the Nursery Class for which there is a separate policy)

The School serves the Hackney Catholic Parishes of St Dominic's (Homerton) and St Jude's (Clapton Park). A map showing the boundaries of the two Parishes is available from The Learning Trust, the Parish Offices and from the School. Large scale Parish maps are on display at the School. As a Catholic school, we aim to provide a Catholic education for all our pupils. At a Catholic school, Catholic doctrine and practice permeates every aspect of the school's activity. It is essential that the Catholic character of the school's education is fully supported by all families in the school. All applicants are therefore expected to give their full, unreserved and positive support for the aims and ethos of the school.



Reception Places

Applicants should be aware that Nursery education is a non-statutory service and that accordingly a child's attendance in the School's Nursery Class does not guarantee a future place in the Reception, Infant or Junior classes.

Pupil Numbers

The Governing Body will ensure that the number of pupils admitted to each year group will be such as to conform to statutory legislation. The Governing Body proposes to admit 60 pupils, being the Published Admissions Number, to each year group. If there are more applications than places available, places will be awarded in accordance with the oversubscription criteria (see below).

Application Forms

Applications for the 2010 Reception Class intake must be made on the Hackney Common Admissions Form (CAF) available from The Learning Trust, Hackney Technology & Learning Centre, 1 Reading Lane, London E8 1GQ. The CAF must be returned to the Learning Trust by 15 January 2010 as stated in The Learning Trust's 2010 Primary Admissions booklet for Hackney Schools.

Applications at all other times of the year for the Reception Class and Years 1 to 6 should be made on the School's Application Form available from the School office or if requested it can be sent to you by post.



School Supplementary Information Form

The School will provide each applicant with a School Supplementary Information Form to be completed and returned to the School by the date specified on the form. If the Supplementary Information Form is not completed and returned to the School it is unlikely that an applicant will be offered a place because the name of the Parish in which the applicant lives is a required.

Applicants must provide the School with the original baptismal certificates. If this is not available applicants should indicate in writing the reasons for this being the case.

Applicants must provide the School with proof of their residential address. Independent verification may be sought of the applicant's residential address.

N.B. Both the Hackney Common Admissions Form (CAF) and the School Supplementary Information Form should be completed and returned, as stated above, by the due date.

The Supplementary Information Form (SIF) is obtainable from the School and from The Learning Trust. The form can be collected from the School or you can ask for it to be sent to you.

Waiting list

If there is no place available, parents/carers must confirm in writing to the School if they wish to have their applications placed on the School's waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained in order of the oversubscription criteria (see below) and not in the order in which applications are received or added to the list.

Names are removed from the list after six months unless parents/carers submit a written request asking for their application to remain on the waiting list.

Pupils with statements of Special Educational Needs

The admission of pupils with statements of Special Educational Needs is dealt with by a completely separate procedure. The procedure is integral to the making of statements by the pupil's home Local Authority. Details of this separate procedure are

included in the DCSF Special Educational Needs Code of Practice.

Oversubscription criteria

Children will be admitted to the School in the following order of priority:

1. Catholic "looked after" children.
2. Catholic children whose parents/legal guardians are resident in the Hackney Catholic Deanery Parishes of St Dominic's (Homerton) and St Jude's (Clapton Park).
3. Other Catholic Children.
4. Other "looked after" children.
5. Children of other Christian denominations whose parents wish them to have a Catholic education and whose applications are supported by a Priest, Minister or Church Leader.
6. Any other applicants.

In prioritising applications within the oversubscription criteria first priority will be given to children who will have a brother or sister attending a Reception, Infant or Junior class at St Dominic's Catholic Primary School at the proposed date of admission.

The Governing Body will increase to top priority an application within a criterion where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can be most appropriately be met at St Dominic's Catholic Primary School. The Governing Body will require written evidence from an appropriate professional such as priest, doctor or social worker.

Tie-breaker:

Where the offer of places to all the applicants in any of the criteria listed above would lead to oversubscription, places up to the admission number will be offered to those children whose parents'/carers' residential address is the shortest distance measured in a straight line from the main entrance door of Homerton Library, Homerton High Street, London, E9 6AS to the front door of the parents'/carers residential address. This is because the School serves the Parishes of St Dominic's and St Jude's and the School is situated in the Parish of St Dominic's. Distance will be measured using the Local Authority's Geographical Computerised

Mapping System, with those living closer to Homerton Library receiving the higher priority.

Twins or multiple births:

If only one place is available for more than one child, who are twins or of a multiple birth within the same family, the allocation of the place will be determined by a lottery which will be carried out by the Admissions Committee in the presence of an independent witness.

Admission Appeals for unsuccessful applicants to the primary school

Unsuccessful applicants have the right to appeal to an independent panel. Parents wishing to appeal should obtain a form from the School or The Learning Trust. This should be completed and returned to the School, marked for the attention of Clerk to the Admission Appeal Panel, within 21 days of receipt of the letter confirming that the application has been unsuccessful.

If an appeal is unsuccessful, the Governing Body will not consider a further application within the same school year unless there have been significant and material changes in the applicant's circumstances.

In Year Fair Access Protocol

The School is committed to taking its fair share of vulnerable children who are hard to place, in accordance with locally agreed 'In Year Fair Access Protocol'. Accordingly, outside the normal round of admissions, the Governing Body is empowered to give absolute priority to a child where admission



is requested under any local protocol which carries the agreement both of the Governing Body and the Diocese for the current admission year. The Governing Body has this power even when admitting such a child would exceed the normal admission number.

Interpretation of terms used in the Admissions Policy and Oversubscription Criteria

Applicants: The Parents or legal Guardians submitting an application for a place on behalf of a child.

Family: Those individuals, normally the Catholic or Catholics, who live at the residential address of the Parents or legal Guardians who have legal responsibility for the child and are submitting an application for a place on behalf of a child.

Catholic: A baptised person who is a member of any Catholic Church in full communion with the See of Rome. For the purposes of this Policy it also includes a "looked after" child who is in the process of adoption by a Catholic family.

Brothers and Sisters: Brothers and Sisters must live permanently at the same residential address as the child for whom the application is made. Brothers and Sister include half-brothers and half-sisters and step brothers and step sisters.

Christian: A member of one of the Churches that is a member of "Churches Together in Great Britain and Ireland.

Looked after children: Children in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by a local authority e.g. foster parents. (See Section 22 of The Children's Act 1989.)

ST JOHN & ST JAMES' C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL Isabella Road, E9 6DX

The school will admit 30 children to the reception class each year. The governors have decided that 25 places will be foundation places and five open places or the same ratio following admission of children in public care.

The following criteria will be used by the governors, in order of priority if a year group is over-subscribed.

1. Children in public care

Foundation Places

1. Children whose parents attend at least twice a month* for a period of at least six months at either the church of St John at Hackney or St James' Clapton
2. Children who have a sibling attending the school at the time they would attend.
3. Children whose parents wish them to attend the school because of its particular Christian tradition and live locally**
4. Children whose acute medical or social needs justify the allocation of a place at the school. Supporting evidence from a doctor or social worker must be provided at time of application setting out the particular reasons why this school is the most suitable and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another.
5. Children whose parents wish them to attend the school because of its particular Christian traditions and live outside the parish**

Open Places

1. Children whose parents belong to another world faith community*** a wish to attend the school because of its religious tradition and who are in sympathy with this tradition.

Notes:

* Attendance confirmed by the Rector of Hackney or the Vicar of St James'.

** Within the parishes of St Johns Hackney, St James' Clapton, the Hackney Marsh Team and St Luke's Homerton

*** a letter confirming affiliation and attendance to that faith community must be signed by an accredited representative of that community.

Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.

Parent/family member: A parent is any person who has parental responsibility or care of the child. Where admission arrangements refer to parent's attendance at church it is sufficient for just one parent to attend. 'Family members' include only parents and siblings.

General Principles

In all categories priority will be given to children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time they would attend.

When deciding between applicants who appear to have equal entitlement to admission under the criteria, the governors will offer the place to the applicant who lives nearest to the main entrance to the school in Isabella Road measured by a straight line.

Late applicants will be added to the waiting list, if the year group they are applying for is over subscribed. In the event of a place becoming available, all eligible applicants currently on the waiting list are considered in the light of the school's admission criteria and a place offered accordingly.

Information about which streets and residences are included in the Parishes of St Johns Hackney, St James' Clapton, the Hackney Marsh Team and St Luke's Homerton and can be found from the Church Finder section of the Diocesan website: www.london.anglican.org/ChurchFinder

ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL Kingshold Road, E9 7LF

St John of Jerusalem C of E Primary School, in the parish of South Hackney (Diocese of London) will admit each year the following numbers of children:

- i) A total of 26 full-time children in the Nursery class.
- ii) A total of 30 children in the Reception class. There will be two intakes per year dependent on the date of birth as follows:

September intake: those who are 5 years old between 1 September - 28/29 February
January intake: those who are 5 between 1 March - 31 August

The admission numbers and dates of admission were agreed in consultation with the Local Authority. All children who attend the nursery will be required to complete an application form as there is no automatic transfer from nursery to reception.

Admission criteria for oversubscribed classes

In the event that the school is oversubscribed in any one year group, the Governor's Admissions Committee will apply the following criteria in order of priority to reach a decision about a child's admission to the school:

1. Looked after children.
2. Children whose Parent/s* or Carer/s*, are regular worshippers (at least once every three weeks, for one year) at St John of Jerusalem Church.
3. Children who have "Siblings" attending St John of Jerusalem C of E Primary School, and will continue to do so at the time of attendance ("Siblings" refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child or the parent/s* or 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 who are already in the Nursery at St John of Jerusalem C of E Primary School.

