

# The King's School Governors

## POLICY TO BE FOLLOWED ON DECIDING ADMISSIONS - 2019

### **Ethos Statement**

The King's School, Tettenhall is an inclusive Voluntary Aided Church of England comprehensive school, to which the Governors admit children and families from all faiths and backgrounds and those of no faith, without reference to ability or aptitude. Making application to The King's CE School means applying for a place at a Church of England School which offers a distinctive Church of England character and ethos, reflecting the teachings of Jesus Christ and Christian values. The School has a welcoming, caring and supportive environment where young people are encouraged to achieve their full potential. We ask all parents applying for a place here to respect our inclusive Christian ethos and its importance to the school community. We expect all students to participate in the worshipping life of the school.

There are no fees or charges related to the admission to the school and contributions to school funds or to off-site visits are not mandatory.

The Governors will offer 150 places, each academic year, for entry into Year 7 under the following categories

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| <b>Category A</b> Foundation Places      | -40 | for practising Church of England families                                       |
| <b>Category B</b> Governors Places       | -30 | for practising members of other recognised Christian denominations              |
| <b>Category C</b> Faith Community Places | -20 | for practising members of other recognised world religions                      |
| <b>Category D</b> Open Places            | -60 | for families of any faith or none seeking an education based on Christian ethos |

To fully meet the criteria, applicants for a place under Category A, B, or C must show in Question 2 on the Supporting Information Form, the family commitment to their place of worship.

### **Admissions Criteria**

In accordance with the statutory 'School Admissions Code', Governors will offer places to children in receipt of a Statement of Special Educational Needs, where The King's School is named in the schedule. This will reduce the number of places available to non-statemented children.

If more than 150 applications are received, places will be allocated in accordance with the following categories.

#### **CATEGORY A - Foundation Places**

**Up to 40 places will be offered to children of practising Church of England families.**

Written evidence of the family's commitment to its place of worship and Clergy reference will be required at the time of application.

#### **CATEGORY B - Governors' Places**

**Up to 30 places will be offered to children of practising Christian families of a denomination other than Church of England.**

Written evidence of the family's commitment to its place of worship and Clergy reference will be required at the time of application.

#### **CATEGORY C - Faith Community Places**

**Up to 20 places will be offered to children of families who are actively involved in the worshipping life and work of any recognised faith community.**

Written evidence of the family's commitment to its place of worship and Clergy reference will be required at the time of application.

#### **CATEGORY D - Open Places**

**60 places will be offered to children of families of any faith or none whose parents seek an education based on the Christian ethos.**

#### **Fraudulent or Misleading applications for admission to schools**

The school will follow up any reports they receive that allege that a fraudulent or misleading application has been made.

### **Oversubscription Clauses – Categories A, B and C**

For each category above, if there are more applications, which fully meet each criterion, than there are places available, then places will be allocated according to the following oversubscription criteria. These are stated in order of priority. In the event that two or more applicants have equal rights to a place under an oversubscription clause, then the subsequent oversubscription clause will apply. See Glossary of Terms for explanations and definitions.

- i. Looked After Children (as defined by Section 22 of the Children Act 1988). Priority will be given to a child who is in the care of a Local Authority or provided with accommodation by that authority or a child who has been adopted (or is subject to a residence order or special guardianship) immediately following being in the care of a Local Authority. This must be confirmed at the time the application is made.
- ii. Children whose families provide evidence at the time the application is made, of particular educational, social or medical needs that can be met especially well within the caring Christian environment of The King's School.
- iii. The strength of the family's commitment to their place of worship as measured by the number of years, frequency of attendance and the involvement in activities associated with that place of worship.
- iv. Children currently attending a Church of England School
- v. Children who, at the time of admission, have a sibling attending the school in September 2018
- vi. whose usual weekday place of residence is nearest the school. The measurement between home and school will be determined by the straight line measurement from the home address to the school, carried out by the local authority software.

If there are more qualifying applications received than places available, all unsuccessful applications under the above categories A B and C will be considered under Category D, Open Places.

If there are fewer qualifying applications received than places available in the above categories, then any unfilled places will become additional Open Places under Category D below.

### **Oversubscription Clauses – Category D**

**In the case of oversubscription** places will be allocated to families on the basis of the following order of priorities, to children:

- i. Looked After Children (as defined by Section 22 of the Children Act 1988). Priority will be given to a child who is in the care of a Local Authority or provided with accommodation by that authority or a child who has been adopted (or is subject to a residence order or special guardianship) immediately following being in the care of a Local Authority. This must be confirmed at the time the application is made. . . .
- ii. whose families provide evidence at the time the application is made, of particular educational, social or medical needs that can be met especially well within the caring Christian environment of The King's School.
- iii. Children who, at the time of admission, have a sibling attending the school in September 2018
- iv. currently attending a Church of England School.
- v. whose usual weekday place of residence is nearest the school. The measurement between home and school will be determined by the straight line measurement from the home address to the school, carried out by the local authority software.

### **Glossary of Terms**

**Recognised Faith Community.** A 'recognised faith community' is one that is in membership with Churches Together in Wolverhampton, Churches Together In Britain and Ireland, the Wolverhampton NET Churches affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance or Wolverhampton Inter Faith Council or equivalent for their local area.

**Looked After Children.** A looked after child is a child who is looked after by the local authority as defined in Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989. Evidence, e.g. evidence from the Placement Authority, must be provided with the Supporting Information Form.

**Strength of Commitment.** Strength of Commitment is measured by the following priorities:-

- i. The number of years the family has been worshipping at their place of worship
- ii. The frequency of worship
- iii. Involvement in the activities associated with the place of worship

**Family.** The 'family' means the family unit as presented to the Governors in the Supporting Information Form.

**Siblings.** For admissions purposes, a brother or sister or 'sibling' is a child who permanently resides at the same address as the child for whom a place is being sought and is one of the following

Brother/sister

Half brother/sister i.e. share one common parent

Stepbrother/sister i.e. related by parent's marriage

Any child for whom it can be demonstrated that s/he is residing permanently at the same address [e.g. under the terms of a residence order]

Governors recognise that other family circumstances may exist and they will give consideration to other children/family groups as declared on the Supporting Information Form.

**Multiple Births.** In the event that there is an insufficient number of places to allocate to twins, triplets etc., a decision will be made as to which child[ren] the place[s] is/are to be allocated. In this situation a place or places will be allocated by lot.

**Usual Place of Residence.** This is determined as the address where the child lives for the majority of the school week. Parents may be requested to supply documentary evidence to support the address used for the application.