



Admissions Statement

Isleham Church of England Primary School

September 2024

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Isleham C of E (VC) Primary School admits children to the Reception year at the beginning of the academic year in which they turn five years old. For this purpose, the academic year begins on September 1st and ends on August 31st.

It is the school's preference for all pupils to attend full-time from the start of the school year to enable them to access the range of opportunities on offer throughout the school week. Part-time attendance will only be arranged in exceptional circumstances in consultation with parents if deemed essential to the development and wellbeing of the individual child. Parents wishing to explore this option for their child are invited to meet with the Headteacher to discuss their child's needs and how these can best be met. Irrespective of any agreement in place for the autumn term, by the spring term, those pupils who have already turned 5 must be attending full-time in order for their school place to be reserved; and by the summer term, ALL Reception pupils must be attending on a full-time basis.

Reception placements are made by the Local Education Authority, not by the school. Parents are asked to apply online or return the application form to the LA by the date given in the Admissions Booklet. The link can be found below. Parents have a right to appeal against the decision of the LA and the details of this procedure are set out in the Admissions Booklet.

Admissions to other year groups are also made by the LA. The LA may decide to offer a place at this school or will offer a place at the nearest school with available places. Parents have the right to appeal against the decision of the LA. All places allocated in Years 1-6 are full-time places.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/primary-reception-junior-or-middle-school>

Admission criteria

The school follows the oversubscription Criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools throughout Cambridgeshire in cases where either Reception class or another year group is unable to accept all pupils who have applied to attend.

Children who have a Statement of Special Educational Need (SEN) / Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that names the school will be admitted irrespective of oversubscription criteria. NB. Those children with a statement of SEN / EHCP that does not name the school will be referred to the Statutory Assessment Team (SAT) to determine an appropriate place.

Children are then allocated places in the following priority order:-

1. Children in Care (CIC) and Children who were previously in care (CIC) but ceased to be so by reason of adoption, a residence order (now known as a child arrangement order) or special guardianship order

2. Children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceases to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
3. Children living in the catchment area with a sibling at the school at the time of admission;
4. Children living in the catchment area;
5. Children living outside the catchment area who have a sibling at the school at the time of admission;
6. Children of members of staff, providing that they have been employed for a minimum of two years and/or are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage.
7. Children who live outside the catchment area, but nearest the school as measured by a straight line.

In cases of equal merit in each set of criteria, priority will go to children living nearest the school as measured by a straight line.

Date of last review: 1.9.24

Next review date: on or before 1.9.25