



ST LAWRENCE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY LOWER SCHOOL

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The Governors of St Lawrence Church of England Primary School, Wymington, dependent on capacity, will admit up to 10 children per 1 member of staff in the Nursery Unit, each academic year not exceeding the total number of places of 30 (28 + 2 reserved places for catchment children).

The Governors of St Lawrence Church of England Primary School will allocate places for the children, on the criteria listed below, for each academic year. Generally the children will start the term after their third birthday, but this may be delayed due to allocated places and capacity.

As an inclusive school applications for children with special educational needs will be treated as fairly as all other applications.

1. 'Looked after' children. (See Note)
2. Children who at the time of entry are resident in Wymington.
3. Siblings of children already at the school at the time of entry. For the purposes of this policy, siblings are all other children permanently residing at the same address.
4. Children of practising Church of England parents/guardians on the church electoral roll of St Lawrence Church, who do not live in the parish of Wymington.
5. Children of other practising Church of England parents/guardians.
6. Children of other practising Christian parents/guardians who regularly worship at other churches, which are members of the British Council of Churches.
7. Any other children.

Note:

- i. A 'Looked After Child' is defined by the Children's Act 1989 as a child/young person who is accommodated by the local authority (section 22) or a child/young person who is subject of a full or interim care order (section 31).
- ii. Priority may be given on medical grounds in very exceptional circumstances.
- iii. Overriding priority is given to the admission of pupils who have an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) which names the school.
- iv. Applications under categories 5, 6 and 7 will need a declaration from their parish priest or minister. We consider regular worship to be defined as at least once a month.
- v. In the event of over subscription in any of the above categories, the criteria will be geographical proximity measured in a straight line from the child's home to the pupil access door of the school.

Admission Arrangements

The nursery unit at St Lawrence Primary School offers part time (15 hours a week) places for children from 3 years of age. Children are admitted termly in September, January and April according to their date of birth. For admission in September the child must become aged 3 between 1st April and 31st August; for admission in January, become aged 3 between 1st September and 31st December; for admission in April, become aged 3 between 1st January and 31st March.

In exceptional circumstances and upon recommendation by external agencies, children may be admitted to nursery before the age of three

Notification of Interest for Admissions forms can be obtained from the school office at any time. Completed application forms should be returned to the school in the term preceding the child's third birthday.

Offers of places and admission arrangements are sent out after the allocation procedure annually.

It should be noted by parents that admission to the Nursery does not guarantee admission to St Lawrence Church of England Primary School at Reception age, when the separate school admissions policy is applied.

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Sheila Lewis – Chair of Governors

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