

2019 Admissions Cover Sheet

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| School Name | All Faiths Children's Academy |
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| Telephone Number | 01634 717115 |
| Status | Academy |
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There have been no changes made to the admission arrangements.

The following document forms the school's revised determined admission arrangements for September 2019.

DETERMINED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALL FAITHS CHILDREN'S ACADEMY FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20

ADMISSION POLICY 2019

1. Children reach compulsory school age at the start of the term following their fifth birthday. All Faiths Children's Academy will admit 4 year-olds into its Foundation Stage class, ie those children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015.
2. Parents/carers need to complete the Common Application Form in accordance with the co-ordinated scheme.
3. Parents/carers are not obliged to start their child at school until the beginning of the term after the child is 5. Therefore, parents/carers who have been offered a September place may ask to defer their child's admission until later in the school year or until the child reaches compulsory school age in that school year without losing the offer of a place. Parents/carers can also request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age. Parents/carers of children with summer term birthdays (1 April to 31 August 2015) may ask to start their child in Year 1 in September 2020 but the Reception place will not be saved. Parents/carers will have to reapply for a Year 1 place. Parents/carers are not able to defer entry beyond the beginning of the term after the child's fifth birthday.
4. The Published Admission Number for All Faiths Children's Academy is 30.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

Following receipt of parental/carer preferences, places will be offered to those children with Statements of Special Educational Needs or Education, Health and Care Plans where All Faiths Children's Academy is named. Then, if the number of requests received via the co-ordinated scheme is more than the number of places available, places will be allocated in the following priority order:

1. Children in public care/looked after children and previously looked after children - as defined in the Medway co-ordinated admission scheme.
2. Current family association (a sibling in the school at the time of application and still attending in September 2019).
3. Child's health reasons. Medical evidence must be provided which demonstrates a specific link between the child's medical conditions and needs and how All Faiths Children's Academy can meet these needs.
4. Multiple birth children, as defined in the Medway co-ordinated admission scheme. If All Faiths Children's Academy is oversubscribed and the final

qualifying place is for a child of a multiple birth, the Council will give that multiple birth application a higher priority than other applications with the exception of children in public care.

5. Nearness of child's home to school measured using Medway Council's criteria.

Where criteria involves measuring distance to a child's home, the Local Authority's procedures for ascertaining the shortest available safe route between home and the school will be used.

In the unlikely event that two or more children in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the school, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place.

CASUAL ADMISSIONS

Parents/carers need to complete the Casual In-Year Admission Form and places will be offered in accordance with the co-ordinated scheme.

- Parents can apply for a casual admission at any time during the school year.
- If no places are available at the time of application, a waiting list will be maintained. Names are kept in priority order according to the oversubscription criteria and not according to how long a child's name has been on the list.
- Any place that becomes available will be offered to the child at the top of the list.
- All vacancies will be allocated as they arise.

Casual Admissions when transferring schools without moving home

If a parent/carer wishes to transfer their child from another school without moving home, the Headteacher will contact the child's current school to ascertain the situation so that our school is able to offer the correct support should the child be offered a place.

However, within exceptional circumstances as set out in the Admissions Code of Practice, the Academy may refuse to admit a challenging child where there are places available on the grounds that admission would prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources. Children with Statements of Special Educational Needs or Education, Health and Care Plans, where the Academy is named, will be offered a place over PAN. The Academy reserves the right to discuss this with relevant agencies.

APPEALS

Parents/carers have the right to appeal if a place is not offered to their child. Appeals will be handled in line with the School Admissions Appeals Code.