

2021 Admissions Cover Sheet

School Name	All Faiths Children's Academy
Address	Gun Lane Strood Rochester Kent ME2 4UF
Telephone Number	03333 602 100
Status	Academy

There have been no changes made to the admission arrangements.

**The following document forms the school's admission arrangements
September 2021.**

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALL FAITHS CHILDREN'S ACADEMY FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22

ADMISSION POLICY 2021

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 2016 and 31 August 2017.
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 2017) may ask to start their child in Year 1 in September 2022 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 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 2021).
3. Children of staff employed by the Trust: following the criteria above, priority will be given to the child of a person (1) who has been employed by the Academy for two or more years at the time the application was made and/or (2) where the person was employed by the Trust to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage.

4. 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.
5. 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, for who we are the closest school, the Council will give that multiple birth application a higher priority than other applications with the exception of children in public care.
6. 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

The casual admission process will follow LA guidelines that aim to make a casual admission placement within 10 school days.

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 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.