



*Whatever you do in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Colossians 3:17

Nursery

Admissions Arrangements 2027-2028

The Blue School has a long and proud heritage of providing a distinctive Christian education that continues to nurture and shape young lives for the future. Our school vision guides every aspect of school life, where our words and actions uphold the values of wisdom, hope, dignity and community.

Introduction

This document sets out the admission arrangements of The Blue School C of E Nursery. For the purposes of this policy, the Governing Body is the admission authority.

The Blue School Nursery place does not give any child priority into the main school in the following year. A further application must be made for admission to the Reception class and that all applications will be considered on the basis of the criteria for admission.

Process

- Applications for admission to the Nursery should be made using the Common Application Form and submitting that and if required a SIF to the school by the closing date of 7th March 2027. The final date for receipt of the Vicar's/Minister's/Religious Leader's reference form in School is 4.30pm on 7th March 2027.
- The School will inform parents of the offer of a place on behalf of the Governing Body by the 2nd May 2027.
- The Blue School C of E Primary offers 26 morning and 26 afternoon places (which include places for children who attend all day).

- If your child has an Educational Health Care Plan, or a plan pending, the procedure for admission is completely separate from the usual admissions criteria. Please contact the special needs officer in your home local authority for advice and guidance. If a child with an EHCP is placed in the school, following a consultation and the school has been named by the local authority before the normal admission round, the number of places available to other applicants will be reduced.

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children

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A "Looked After Child" (LAC) is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

A "Previously Looked After Child" (PLAC) is a child who was looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order immediately following having been looked after.

An "Internationally Adopted Previously Looked After Child (IAPLAC) is a child who appears (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

2. Siblings

2. Siblings of pupils attending the school at the time of admission. 'Sibling' means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a step brother or sister, or other child living in the same household who, in any of these cases, will be living with them at the same address at the date of their entry to the school.

3. Children of staff

Children whose parent is a member of school staff where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made; and/or the member of staff is to fill a vacant post at the school for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Faith based

4 Active membership by the child's parent or guardian of a Church of England Church.

- i) Children whose parent or guardian have regular attendance at public worship at
 - All Saints Church, Isleworth.

- All Souls Church, St Margarets.
- St John's Church with St Mary's Church Worton Road, Isleworth
- St Francis of Assisi Church, Isleworth
- St Mary's Church Spring Grove with St Luke's Church Hounslow East

and live within the parish boundaries. Attendance will be established by information provided on the Supplementary Information Form completed by a member of the clergy or other designated church officer. For the purposes of these admission arrangements 'regular' means attendance at least fortnightly for two years immediately prior to the date of application.

ii) Children whose parent or guardian have regular attendance at public worship at any other Church of England Church. Attendance will be established by information provided on the Supplementary Information Form completed by a member of the clergy or other designated church officer. For the purposes of these admission arrangements 'regular' means attendance at least fortnightly for two years immediately prior to the date of application.

5. Active membership by the child's parent or guardian of another Christian denomination

Children whose parent or guardian have regular attendance at public worship in any other Christian denominations. For the purposes of these admission arrangements 'other Christian denominations' means a church which is a member of Churches Together in England, or affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance or a Partner Church of Affinity. A parent or parents wishing to apply against this criterion must complete a Supplementary Information Form. Regular attendance at public worship will be established by information provided on the Supplementary Information Form, including verification by the relevant Minister/Faith Leader or their designated officer. For the purposes of these admission arrangements 'regular' means attendance at least fortnightly for two years immediately prior to the date of application.

6. Active membership of a child's parent or guardian of another major world faith

Children whose parent or guardian has membership and practice the faith will be established by information provided on the Supplementary Information Form completed by a designated major world faith leader

Note for all faiths

A parent is any person who has parental responsibility for or is the legal guardian of the child. It is sufficient for one parent to attend church or place of worship.

Parish boundaries will be checked by a church near you <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

Those who have recently moved to the area and who worshipped previously in a different church will be asked to supply a reference from that church so that the two-year period is covered.

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship, has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church, or in relation to those of other major world faiths, relevant place of worship, or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

7. All other children

Address definition

The address is the place where the child is permanently resident with his or her parent or parents or legal guardians. Evidence may be requested to show the address, for example: to which any Child Benefit is paid or at which the child is registered with a medical GP together with recent utilities bill, council tax bill or tenancy agreement. This evidence will be used when reaching a decision on the child's home address for admissions purposes (including where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility for each part of the week). Parents should not assume that a place will automatically be allocated to their child.

Share/joint residency definition

The Local Authority will only accept one application per child and only one offer of a school place will be made.

We ask that parents work together to agree on the address to be used and the school preferences to be applied for. Any disagreements should be resolved before submitting an application. If parents are unable to reach an amicable agreement, then both parents should seek their own legal advice or recourse through the Family Courts. The Local Authority will not mediate between parents.

Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. The declaration (including the addresses of both parents) must be submitted at the time of making the original application.

If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received and the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, Hounslow will consider the address of the parent who is in receipt of Child Benefit or if Child Benefit is not being received, the address at which the child is registered with a doctor (GP). You

must send us a copy of your latest benefit entitlement notice or your child's medical card. We may also ask for further evidence if required.

If the residence is not split equally between both parents, then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week. It is for the home Local Authority to determine the address to be used for the allocation of a school place.

Tie-breaker

1. Proximity to the school. In order to be fair to all applicants, Hounslow has a standard method of measuring the home to school distance. For further information see. [Distance -measuring home to school distance](#)

2. In the event that two or more children live at the same distance from the school (as can happen with families living in blocks of flats), random allocation, where supervised drawing of lots by an independent responsible person of good standing will be used to decide which child(ren) will be allocated the remaining place(s) (in accordance with 1.34 and 1.35 of the School Admissions Code).

Multiple Births

In the event that the school has one place to offer and the next child on the waiting list is one of twins, triplets or other children of multiple births, The Blue School will offer both twins, triplets or children of multiple birth as an excepted pupil even if this means temporarily going over the published admission's number in accordance with the Schools Admissions Code 2.16g. They will be an excepted child until the numbers until one of the children leaves the class, at which point the class size will revert to the lower figure.

Children of UK service personnel and crown servants

Children of UK service personnel and Crown Servants are dealt with under the statutory provisions of the School Admissions Code 2021 section 2.21- see Members of UK Armed Forces and Crown Servants.

For families of service personnel with a confirmed posting, or crown servants returning from overseas, the school will follow due process, apply the admissions criteria and following a successful application, allocate a place in advance of the family arriving in the area, provided the application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date. The school will use the address at which the child will live when applying their oversubscription criteria, as long as the parents provide some evidence of their intended address.

Late applications

The Local Authority makes the decision on whether applications can be accepted as on time, in line with the published PAN London co-ordinated admissions scheme timetable.

Applications received after the closing date and before the Blue School Governing Body Admissions Panel meeting will be placed last in the criteria in which they fall unless the Blue School Governing Body Admissions Panel is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances which reasonably prevented the application from being submitted on time. Supporting evidence, including that provided by the required Supplementary Information Form, must also be supplied by the closing date for applications, unless it is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances which reasonably prevented it being submitted on time. In the absence of such supporting evidence, the allocation of places will be made on the basis of the application alone.

Waiting Lists

The school will operate a waiting list Where places become vacant, they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves it.

Applications from abroad (or from Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands)

This policy does not apply to Crown Servants, who are dealt with under the statutory provisions of the School Admissions Code.

If you and/or your child currently live abroad but intend to move to the London Borough of Hounslow, we will accept an application ahead of your arrival. Your application will be processed using the home address in the country where your child is currently residing even if your family is returning to a property you own in the UK.

If we make an offer of a school place, the child will be expected to start on the first day of term.

Parents should ensure that their child has a [right of abode](#) or the conditions of their visas otherwise permit them to access a state-funded school.

Annual Review

The Governing Body of The Blue School will consider on an annual basis the patterns of applications from all the criteria to ensure fairness and an adequate spread of places across the criteria.

Enquiries

Should be directed to the Admissions Officer at The Blue School, North Street, Isleworth, TW7 6RQ. admissions@theblueschool.com