



Great Easton CE Primary School

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Voluntary Aided - 4-11 Church School

Number on Roll: 152

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Early Years Admissions

The Governing Body will admit all children attaining the age of 5 during an academic year as one intake in September. As required by law, this school provides for the full-time admission of all children offered a place in the reception year group from the September following their fourth birthday.

Parents can request that the date their child is admitted to the school is deferred until later in the school year or until the child reaches compulsory school age in the school year. Where entry is deferred, the school will hold the place for that child and not offer it to another child. Where parents choose to defer entry, the school may reasonably expect that the child would start at the beginning of a new school term/half term. The parent would not however be able to defer entry beyond the beginning of the term after the child's fifth birthday, nor beyond the academic year for which the original application was accepted.

The Governing Body believes that it is preferable that those children reaching 5 before 30th April attend full time from September.

However for all children we recommend a 'phase in' induction as follows:

- a) All children attend for mornings (up to and including lunchtime) only for the first full week of term. Full time from the second week of the Autumn Term.

The above recommendations do not remove parents' statutory right to take up a full time place from September.

Admissions Criteria

Parents with children born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 will receive a letter notifying them of the application procedure from the Local Authority. Parents are encouraged to complete the form on-line to the LA indicating their preference for the school. The LA will notify parents of the allocated school. Applications and offers will be handled in accordance with the co-ordinated admissions scheme published by Essex County Council in the "Primary Education in Essex" booklet. Any child for whom the school is named in a Statement for Special Education Needs, will be allocated a place irrespective of the admissions criteria.

Where applications for admissions exceed the number of places available, such applications will be considered under categories of priority 2-4:

1. 'Looked after children'*
2. Children who ordinarily live within that area which corresponds to the Church of England Five Parishes, with siblings currently attending the school at the time of admission. Siblings are defined as 'each of two or more children, having one or both parents in common and living in the same household as the other children'. (Reference may be made to the map, available in the school office, which indicates the boundaries.)
3. Children who ordinarily live within that area which corresponds to the Church of England Five Parishes without siblings currently attending the school.
4. Children with siblings at the school that live outside of the area which corresponds to the Church of England Five Parishes.
5. Remaining Applications.

Within each category preference will be given to children resident closer to the school, distance being measured by straight line distance on a map. (Distances are calculated by the Local Authority, as defined in the Primary Education in Essex booklet, by use of a Geographical Information System which accurately measures the distance from the child's home address to the school.)

These criteria will also apply for mid year admissions during the year given the school's maximum capacity.

Unsuccessful applicants have the right to appeal to the independent statutory appeals panel. A waiting list will also be kept for those who were unsuccessful for at least a term.

**A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after, became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. A looked after child 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).*