

Stock C of E Primary School



Admissions Policy

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Stock Church of England Primary School

SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

The law does not require a child to start school until the start of the term following their fifth birthday. Compulsory school age is reached at that point. Parents can request that the date their child is admitted to 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. 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. Parents can also request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age. Our part time provision is the morning session for five days a week. Where parents choose to defer entry, the school will expect that the child would start at the beginning of a new school term/half term.

However, where the parent of a 'summer-born' child (1 May - 31 August) wishes their child to start school in the autumn term following their fifth birthday, they will need to apply for a place at the correct time for the normal admission round for the following academic year. **Supporting evidence from relevant professionals working with the child and family stating why the child must be placed outside their normal age appropriate cohort must be submitted.** The Local Authority will decide whether the application for a Reception place will be accepted or whether it will be treated as an application for a Year 1 place, the child's normal age appropriate cohort. If the application for a Reception place is not accepted this does not constitute a refusal of a place and there is no right to an independent statutory appeal or whether it will be treated as an application for a Year 1 place, the child's normal age appropriate cohort.

Parents who wish their children to attend Stock Church of England Primary School must apply in accordance with the co-ordinated admission arrangements published by Essex County Council (Local Authority i.e. LA) in the Primary Education in Essex booklet. Applications for a place at the school will be handled in accordance with the co-ordinated arrangements set out in the booklet. The closing date for applications is that published by the Local Authority in the Primary Education in Essex booklet.

Each school has a published "number intended to admit" (NIA) in the 'Primary Education Booklet'. For Stock Church of England Primary School Primary the standard number to admit annually is 30.

Priority for admission to the school up to NIA are on the following criteria:

- Looked after children will be given first priority ahead of all other applicants.
- Siblings of children currently in school.
- Children living in the priority admissions area at the time of application and determination will be allocated a place at the school providing an application is received by the closing date.
- Remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Looked After Children – 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).

Sibling – a child living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year. This includes brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters, and stepbrothers and sisters. In addition, biological siblings will be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins **will not** be treated as siblings.

EXCEPTIONAL MEDICAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Exceptional medical reasons may override other admission criteria if supported by medical evidence. Details can be found in the “Primary Education in Essex booklet.”

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/admissions-booklets-policies-and-forms/admissions-booklets>