

St James Church of England Primary Academy

Oversubscription criteria: 2018

If the number of preferences received via the co-ordinated scheme is more than 30, places will be offered in the following priority order:

1. St. James' will give the highest priority to looked after children, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the School Admissions Code.
2. Regular Church attendance, where the child or at least one parent/carer is a regular worshipper (the level of attendance should be at least once a month) at a church affiliated to, or represented at "Churches Together in England" or the "Evangelical Alliance" and has been for at least 12 months prior to the application being made.
3. **NB: If oversubscribed, at least 50% of the places available each year will be allocated without reference to any faith-based admission criteria.**
4. Current family association – brother or sister at school at the time of admission. The definition of this includes stepbrothers and sisters and children living as a family unit.
5. Child's health reasons – medical evidence must be provided which demonstrates a specific health reason that requires a child to attend the preferred school.
6. Nearness of children's homes to the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority. If a child has more than one permanent home address, the nearest will be used for admission purposes. If in categories 2-5 above, a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the school will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child's home to the front gates of the school in a straight line.
7. Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in categories 2-5 above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the Academy is equidistant in any two or more cases.