

The Pilgrim School

Oversubscription criteria:

The Pilgrim School a member of The Pilgrim Multi Academy Trust will decide when to admit four-year-old pupils in accordance with the LA guidelines as well as the admissions code as it stands for intake during the 2017/2018 school year.

Admission Arrangements (Year R) for The Pilgrim School a member of The Pilgrim Multi Academy Trust will change for September 2018.

This is a consultation document for our admission arrangements. Any comments about the proposed arrangements should be made in writing to Mrs Diane Adams, Office Manager at The Pilgrim School, Warwick Crescent, Rochester Kent, ME13LF or e-mailed to office@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk by 31st January 2017. The consultation period lasts from 1st December 2016 to 31st January 2017 with the final decision being made by the 28th February 2017 and published on the 15th March 2017.

Planned Admission Number (PAN) into Year R remains at 30 in September 2018; the Governors do not propose any changes to the PAN and will admit pupils without reference to ability or aptitude.

Oversubscription Criteria Where the number of applications exceeds the PAN, the Governors will offer places using the following oversubscription criteria in the order stated: -

- 1) Children in public care; as defined by the Medway coordinated admission scheme - a child under the age of 18 years for whom the local authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or who is the subject of a care order under Part IV of the Act. This applies equally to children who immediately after being looked after by the local authority became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. (As defined by Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or Section 8 or 14A of the Children Act 1989).
- 2) Siblings; (natural, step or foster siblings) at the school (a brother or sister attending The Pilgrim School at the time of application and who will still be attending in September 2018). Sibling means children who live as brother/sister in the same house and includes natural siblings, adopted siblings, foster siblings and step siblings. Extended family, for example cousins, living in the same house do not qualify as siblings.
- 3) Denominational preference; when a parent/carer applies for a place at The Pilgrim Church of England Primary School and Nursery Academy on the grounds of denomination, such application must be supported by evidence that either 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. – A Supplementary

Information Form (SIF) is also needed which must be completed and returned to The Pilgrim School by the closing date for applications. SIF form eligibility (The number of pupils gaining admission under this criterion will be limited to 30%. If applications in this category exceed 30%, admission will be considered under the

next relevant criteria.)

4) Staff pupils; the member of teaching staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time the application is made. Or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

5) Location; (Nearness to the school) we use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school, measured by the shortest route to school from the child's home address using roads and paths that are known to the graphical information software (GIS) utilised by the Local Authority. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by Ordnance Survey. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. The school uses the measurements provided by the Local Authority (LA) and further information on how distances are calculated is available in the Admissions Booklet provided by the LA.