



HIGH LITTLETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CRITERIA 2026-2027

Introduction

High Littleton Church of England Primary School is an Academy and as such the Trust Board is the admissions authority.

This is a happy, family school in which we encourage pupils and adults to have a caring and considerate attitude towards one another. There is a strong Christian ethos of acceptance within the school. We recognise and value the uniqueness of every child, helping all to achieve their best within a safe, secure and creative environment.

We aim to enable children to learn skills, knowledge and develop concepts that will help them grown into positive, responsible people who can work and cooperate with others and hopefully be better equipped for life in today's ever changing society. The school enjoys a good reputation for providing a broad, balanced, challenging and creative environment, made possible by our highly committed and hardworking team of teachers, support staff, parents and governors.

How can parents apply for their child to be admitted to our school?

High Littleton Church of England Primary School is part of Bath and North East Somerset's Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme. All applications for admission must be submitted to your home Local Authority (LA) by the published closing date. The LA will forward all applications to the school and the Governing Body will rank all applications against the admissions criteria. The ranked list will then be returned to the LA under the coordinated admissions scheme and they will make a single offer of a place on the published date.

Admissions criteria for the school are as follows:

Special Educational Needs

The Special Educational Needs Code of Practice requires that Governing Bodies admit any children with a Statement of Special Educational Need or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) naming High Littleton Church of England Primary School, before it will consider any other applications.

Following the admission of any children with a Statement of Special Educational Need or an EHCP, the Governing Body will consider all other applications received by the closing date. Where there are fewer applications than places available within the school's Published Admission Number, the Governing Body will admit those children.

Where there are more applications received than there are places available within the required year group, the Governing Body will consider all **on time** applications against the criteria as set out below.

PRIORITY A

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, in England.

or

A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after (in England), but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order, as well as a child who appears to the Trust Board to have been in state care outside of England care (i.e. in the care of or accommodated by a public authority, religious organisation or any other provider whose sole/main purpose is to benefit society), but ceased to be so as a result of being adopted.

PRIORITY B

Children who live within The Parish of High Littleton and Hallatrow and for whom there will be a sibling in attendance on the admission date at the preferred school.

PRIORITY C

Children who live within The Parish of High Littleton and Hallatrow.

PRIORITY D

Children who live outside the Parish of High Littleton and Hallatrow and for whom there will be a sibling in attendance on the admission date at the preferred school.

PRIORITY E

Children who live closest to the school as measured in a direct line.

Additional Notes

To be considered under the above criteria parents must have named the school as a preference. Under the above criteria all preferences are considered equally. If a child

qualifies for more than one school they will be offered their highest preference as stated on their application form.

The distance will be measured from the address point of a school as defined by the Local Land & Property Gazetteer (LLPG).

In all cases, distances will be measured in a direct line from the address point of the child's home address to the address point of a school as defined by the Local Land & Property Gazetteer (LLPG). Measurements will be determined using the Local Authority's GIS computerised mapping system.

If under all the above criteria any single category resulted in oversubscription, those living closer to the preferred school would receive the higher priority. Where there is more than one applicant ranked equally according to the published admission criteria and there are insufficient places available to allocate all of the equally ranked applicants the place(s) will be allocated by random allocation.

Multiple Birth Applications (for example twins)

In the event of the school being oversubscribed where the applicant for the final qualifying place(s) available within the admission number is the parent/carer of twins, triplets or other multiple births the Governing Body will breach the admission number to allow these children to be offered places. In the case where there would be Infant Class Size issues such children will remain as an 'excepted pupil' to the class size limit for the time they are in an infant class or until the class numbers fall back to the normal class size limit of 30.

Published Admission Number

The Published Admission Number is the number of children the Governing Body considers the school can accommodate. The Published Admission Number for our school is 28.

Admission Appeals

If the Governing Body does not offer a child a place at this school, this will be because to do so would prejudice the education of other children by allowing the number of children in the school to increase too much.

Parents whose application is turned down by the Governing Body have the legal right to appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel (IAP). Details of how to appeal will be explained in the decision letter. The IAP's decision is binding for all parties concerned.

Deferred Entry

Parents of children aged four, but who have not yet reached their fifth birthday have the right to apply for a deferred entry into school. In these circumstances, parents can:

- a. request that their child start school, in the Reception year group at a later stage in the academic year, however, must be in full time education by the start of the term after their fifth birthday.

- b. request that their child takes up a place on a part time basis until their child reaches their fifth birthday.

Monitoring and Review

The Governing Body will monitor this admissions policy and it will be reviewed every year or sooner if required.