

St Peter's Collegiate Academy



POLICY TO BE FOLLOWED ON DECIDING ADMISSIONS

In accordance with the 'School Admissions; Code of Practice issued in May 2021

Introduction

St Peter's Collegiate Academy is a Church of England Academy which exists primarily to meet the needs of Church of England parents who wish their children to be educated by a system which introduces the student to an understanding of life based on the Christian faith as taught by the Church of England. In addition, the Academy seeks to promote Christian education in the wider community, especially through the work within the Wolverhampton Schools' Partnership and our partnership with the Church of England Primary Schools. The Academy admits children residing in Wolverhampton and its environs without reference to ability or aptitude.

There are no fees or charges related to the admission to the Academy; contributions to Academy funds or to off-site visits are not mandatory.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA 2022

The Academy will offer 220 places each academic year.

Any child with an Education, Health and Care Plan for whom St Peter's Collegiate Academy is named as the most appropriate place to meet those needs, takes priority and will automatically receive a place unless the Academy is unable to meet the pupil's specific needs. This will affect the number of places available to non-statemented children.

If there are less than 220 applications, all children will be admitted. However, if more than 220 applications are received, places will be offered in accordance with the following categories.

CATEGORY A: FOUNDATION PLACES

Criterion: Up to **90 places will be offered to children of regular and faithful practising Church of England families.**

Written confirmed evidence of the family's commitment to its place of worship and clergy reference[s], will be required at the time of application.

CATEGORY B: CHRISTIAN FAITH PLACES

Criterion: Up to **50 places will be offered to children of regular and faithful practising Christian families of a recognised denomination other than the Church of England. [e.g Catholic, Baptist, Orthodox, Methodist]**

Written confirmed evidence of the family's commitment to its place of worship and faith leader's reference[s], will be required at the time of application. A copy of the child's baptism certificate would be welcomed as supporting evidence under Section 4 of the Supporting Evidence Form.

CATEGORY C: FAITH COMMUNITY PLACES

Criterion: Up to **40 places will be offered to children of regular and faithful families who are actively involved in the worshipping life and work of any recognised faith community. [e.g. Sikh, Hindu, Muslim]**

Written confirmed evidence of the family's commitment to their place of worship and faith leader's reference[s], will be required at the time of application

CATEGORY D: PASTORAL PLACES

Criterion: Up to **15 places will be offered to children of families/carers of any recognised faith community who must provide evidence, on/with the Supporting Evidence Form, of particular educational, social or medical needs which can be met especially well within the caring Christian environment of St. Peter's Academy.**

Applicants must provide evidence of the help currently being received from the Church of England, other recognised faith communities, or other appropriate support groups in meeting those needs. Written confirmed evidence of the family's commitment to its place of worship **and** the support they receive **and** faith leader's reference will be required at the time of application.

CATEGORY E: OPEN PLACES

Criterion: Up to **25 places will be offered to children from families with any faith or none, seeking an education based on Christian Ethos.**

These places will be offered to students who do not qualify for Faith Places. If there are more applicants than the available number, places will be allocated according to the oversubscription criteria [see overleaf]

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

For **each category**, if there are more applications which **fully** meet each criterion than there are places available then places will be allocated according to the following oversubscription criteria. These are stated in order of priority: See 'Glossary of Terms' below for explanations and definitions.

- (i) **Looked After Children/Previously Looked After Children/Internationally Adopted Previously Looked After Children.** This MUST be confirmed at the time the application is made.
- (ii) The strength of the **family's** commitment to their place of worship as measured by the number of years, frequency of attendance and the involvement in activities associated with that place of worship.
- (iii) Children who will have a **sibling** attending the academy at the time of application as well as at the time of admission and who joined the academy before Sixth Form level
- (iv) Children currently attending a Church of England School.
- (v) The nearness of the home to the academy. The distance measured in a straight line from the threshold of the normal weekday place of residence of the child to the nearest public access of Compton Park Campus.

Any Application received that will take the Academy above the Pupil Admission Number [PAN], will be considered in exceptional circumstances and judged against the Academy's capacity to accommodate additional students and the admissions criteria.

Glossary of Terms

Recognised Denomination / Recognised Faith Community - A 'recognised denomination' or 'recognised faith community' is one which is in membership with or affiliated to Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, and/or The Wolverhampton Inter Faith and Regeneration Network and/or the Wolverhampton NET Church affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance or equivalent for their area. This must be affirmed by the Faith Leader on the Supporting Evidence Form.

Looked After Child / Child in Care - A 'Looked After Child' or a 'Child In Care' is a child who is looked after by a local authority as defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989. Evidence, e.g. evidence from the Placement Authority, must be provided with the Supporting Evidence Form.

Previously Looked After Children - Previously Looked After Children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.)

Strength of Commitment - This is measured by the following priorities

- 1] the number of years the family has been worshipping,
- 2] the frequency of worship,
- 3] involvement in the activities associated with the place of worship

Family - The 'family' means the family unit as presented to the Academy on the Supporting Evidence Form.

Sibling - For Admission purposes, a 'sibling' is a child who resides at the same address as the child for whom a place is being sought and is one of the following

- Brother/sister
- Half brother/sister i.e. share one parent
- Stepbrother/sister i.e. related by marriage
- Any child for whom it can be demonstrated that s/he is residing permanently at the same address [e.g. under the terms of a residence order]

The Academy recognises that other family circumstances may exist and they will give consideration to other children/ family groups as declared on the Supporting Evidence Form.

Multiple Births - In the event that there is an insufficient number of places to allocate to twins, triplets etc., a decision will be made as to which child[ren] the place[s] is/are to be allocated. In this situation a place or places will be allocated by lot.

Normal Weekday Residence - This is determined as the address where the child lives for the majority of the school week. Parents may be requested to supply documentary evidence to support the address used for the application.