



St Loys Primary Academy

Admissions Policy

The Governing Body will admit 15 pupils into each year group.

Children with a statement of Special Educational Needs (or Education, Health and Care Plan) which names St Loys will be admitted.

When there are more applications than there are places available Governors will admit pupils according to the following priority order.

1. 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).
2. The Governors will admit children on social or medical grounds, where professionals have clearly identified that the school will best meet the needs of the child (*These applications must be accompanied by documentary evidence from the local authority or relevant agency.*).
3. Children of parents/guardians resident in the ecclesiastical parish* of Weedon Lois, served by the church of St Mary and St Peter, with Weston and including the hamlet of Plumpton (see residency definition).
4. Children of parents/guardians living in the ecclesiastical parish* of Wappenham, served by the church of St Mary the Virgin, who are worshipping members of the Church of England or another member of Churches Together in England.
Applications should be accompanied by a reference form (SIF/A), available from the school. The completed SIF/A will then be sent to the minister with form SIF/B to verify church allegiance.
5. Children who have a sibling who will be continuing to attend the school at the time of admission (see sibling definition).
6. Children of a parent(s)/legal guardian(s) who are worshipping members of the Church of England or another member of Churches Together in England, through attendance.

Applications should be accompanied by a reference form (SIF/A), available from the school. The completed SIF/A will then be sent to the minister with form SIF/B to verify church allegiance.

7. Children of a parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of other faiths or none, who wish their child to be educated in a Church school and Christian environment.

Late applications

The Governing Body will deal with late applications after all the 'on time' applications have been processed. Those refused a place due to the school having admitted up to the PAN, will be advised of their right to appeal.

Waiting lists All parents who are refused a place at the school at any time may wish to place their child's name on a Waiting List.

Pupils will be placed on the Waiting List in strict order according to the oversubscription criteria on the Admissions Policy. If a place becomes available at the school, places will be allocated according to these criteria and not on a first come first served basis.

Parents must contact the school and request that their child's name is placed on the Waiting List. This can be done by telephone (01327 860539), or e-mail: head@weedonlois.northants-ecl.gov.uk.

Right of Appeal

Governors will admit up to the published admission number. For any child subsequently refused a place, parents/legal guardians will have the right to appeal against the decision, to an independent Appeals Panel. Parents wishing to appeal should write to:

The Clerk to the Appeals Panel

Diocesan Board of Education

Bouverie Court

6 The Lakes

Bedford Road

Northampton NN4 7YD

Notes

Tie Breaker

Where there are more applications in any one category, applications will be prioritised on the distance from the child's home to the main entrance of the school. This will be determined on a straight line basis using a geographical information system.

Residency definition

The child's place of residence is the address of the parent or legal guardian with whom the child spends the majority of time during the school week.

(Parents/legal guardians may be asked to produce evidence of residency/home address at any time during the admissions process)

Parish Boundaries (ecclesiastical parishes - * above)

For Parish boundaries, please consult the attached map or visit the internet site www.achurchnearyou.com, put in your postcode, click on where you live and the name of your parish will be shown.

Worshipping Member

For your information, our guidance on the term "worshipping member" is as follows:

At least one of the parents or guardians of the child is regarded by the priest / minister / worship leader as part of the worshipping community at the church / worship centre.

This would not necessarily mean that the parent is a "Member" in a technical sense (e.g. through baptism, confirmation or electoral roll) but would imply a pattern of attendance at worship (on Sunday or at other times) that is more than "occasional" and has been sustained for more than a short, very recent period of time.

Definition of siblings

The definition of a brother or sister (sometimes referred to as a sibling);

- a brother or sister sharing the same parents
- a half brother or half sister where 2 children share one common parent
- a step-brother or step sister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage/partnership
- adopted children

A brother or sister must be living at the same address when the application is made.