



Oversubscription Criteria – 2021-22

If the number of preferences for the Academy is more than the number of places available, places will be allocated in the following priority order:

Following the admission of pupils/students with EHC Plans, where The John Wallis Church of England Academy is the named school, the criteria will be applied in the order outlined below:

- (a) Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children - 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) at the time of making an application to a school.

A previously looked after child means such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

- (b) in respect of transfer into Year 7 and Year 12, children and young people who are already attending the Academy in Year 6 and Year 11 respectively (in other words, the Planned Admission Number for new applications to join the Academy in Year 7 is 210 less the number of children (not exceeding 60) transferring into Year 7 who are already attending the Academy in Year 6);
- (c) children whose sibling/s currently attend/s the Academy; in this context sibling means children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, step-siblings or foster-siblings;
- (d) Health and Special Access Reasons - Medical, health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/carers' physical or mental health or social needs mean that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the particular school;

- (e) children of members of staff who have been employed at the Academy for two or more years, or of a member of staff who has been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. This applies to members of staff who are directly employed by the Academy and have a contract of employment from the Academy;
- (f) children who are permanently resident with a TN23 postcode within the area bounded to the east by the A2070, to the west by the A28, and to the north by the Ashford to Maidstone railway line, in priority order according to the nearness of each child's home to the Academy. We use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school, measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by NLPG. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for the school, these straight-line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school;
- (g) children who attend a Church which is a member of "The Churches Together in England and Wales". The local Vicar, Parish Priest or Minister will be required to provide written evidence to the Governing Body on the Clergy's Form concerning the child's and parents'/carers' affiliation to the Church. Priority will be given to those who attend church services more frequently and the total number admitted under this criterion will not exceed 10% of the PAN for each Year Group; See Appendix 1 "Clergy Reference Form"; ⁽¹⁾
- (h) other children in priority order according to the nearness of each child's home to the school as defined in criterion (f) above.

⁽¹⁾ In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these {admission} arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.