

Fair Field Admission Policy 2020/21

The Governors of the school are responsible for admissions and will admit up to 60 pupils, each year into Year 3, without reference to ability or aptitude.

Section 324 of the Education Act 1996 requires the governing bodies of schools to admit a child with a statement of special educational needs that names their school. The school will also admit children with an EHC (Education, Health & Care) Plan that names the school.

Where the number of applications for admission exceeds the number of places available, places will be allocated by the Governing Body in accordance with the following criteria, in the order set out below:

Admission Criteria

1. "Children Looked After and previously looked after". Children who are looked after and children who were previously looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order).
2. Children for whom it can be demonstrated that there is a compelling social or medical reason for attending the school (supported by recent independent evidence from a relevant professional). Governors will determine the outcome of social/medical applications.
3. Pupils attending St. John's Infant School in Year 2 subject to them completing the application form provided by their Local Authority by the admission application deadline.

Should the school be oversubscribed or if the number of pupils transferring from St John's is fewer than Fair Field School's specified admission number, the following criteria will be applied in the order listed below:

4. Children with a sibling (brother or sister) attending the school on the day of their future entry to Fair Field School (not at the closing date of applications).
5. Remaining places will be allocated on the basis of proximity to the school as determined by the Hertfordshire Local Authority measurement.

These rules are applied in the order they are printed above. If more children qualify under a particular rule than there are places available, a tie-break will be used by applying the next rule to those children. Where there is a need for a tie-break where two different addresses measure the same distance from a school, in the case of a block of flats for example, then the lower door number will be deemed nearest as logically this will be nearer the ground floor and therefore closer. If there are two identical addresses of separate applicants, the tie break will be random.

Appeals

Parents have the right to an independent appeal panel if their child is unsuccessful in obtaining a place at the school.

At transfer time, parents wishing to appeal who applied online should log onto their online application and click on the link "register an appeal". For those who did not apply online please contact the Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4043 to request an appeal pack.

For In Year applications, parents wishing to appeal should contact the school directly in the first instance.