



St. LAWRENCE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Let Your Light Shine.

“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14-16

Nursery Admissions Policy

May 2023

Date of next review: Summer Term 2025

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St Lawrence Primary School is part of the Chellington Church of England Federation which is a Christian learning environment at the heart of its communities. We promote care and respect, and expect high standards in all aspects of Federation life.

As a Church of England school, we promote a friendly, caring, family ethos where everyone works as a team to support each other across all areas of school life.

At St Lawrence we encourage all children to 'Let Their Light Shine' through the core values of hope (Letting our light shine gives us hope for the future.), courage (We have courage to Let our Light Shine.) and perseverance (When we persevere our light can shine). "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5: 14-16

This policy, and its associated procedures and protocols, is based on these key principles.

The Governors of St Lawrence Church of England Primary School, Wymington, dependent on capacity, will admit up to 8 children per 1 member of staff in the Nursery Unit.

The Governors of St Lawrence Church of England Primary School will allocate places for the children, on the criteria listed below, for each academic year. Generally the children will start the term after their third birthday, but this may be delayed due to allocated places and capacity.

As an inclusive school, applications for children with special educational needs will be treated as fairly as all other applications.

1. 'Looked after' children. (See Note)
2. Children who at the time of entry are resident in Wymington.
3. Siblings of children already at the school at the time of entry. For the purposes of this policy, siblings are all other children permanently residing at the same address.
4. Children of practising Church of England parents/guardians on the church electoral roll of St Lawrence Church, who do not live in the parish of Wymington.
5. Children of other practising Church of England parents/guardians.
6. Children of other practising Christian parents/guardians who regularly worship at other churches, which are members of the British council of Churches.
7. Any other children.

Note:

- i. A 'Looked After Child' is defined by the Children's Act 1989 as a child/young person who is accommodated by the local authority (section 22) or a child/young person who is subject of a full or interim care order (section 31).
- ii. Priority may be given on medical grounds in very exceptional circumstances.
- iii. Overriding priority is given to the admission of pupils who have an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) which names the school.
- iv. Applications under categories 5, 6 and 7 will need a declaration from their parish priest or minister. We consider regular worship to be defined as at least once a month.
- v. In the event of over subscription in any of the above categories, the criteria will be geographical proximity measured in a straight line from the child's home to the pupil access door of the school.

Admission Arrangements

The nursery unit at St Lawrence Primary School offers both 15 and 30 hour places for children from 3 years of age. Children are admitted termly in September, January and April according to their date of birth. For admission in September the child must become aged 3 between 1st April and 31st August; for admission in January, become aged 3 between 1st September and 31st December; for admission in April, become aged 3 between 1st January and 31st March.

In exceptional circumstances and upon recommendation by external agencies, children may be admitted to nursery before the term after they turn three or before they qualify for Universal or NEF funding.

An application pack can be obtained from the school office at any time. Completed application forms should be returned to the school in the term preceding the child's third birthday.

Offers of places and admission arrangements are sent out after the allocation procedure annually.

It should be noted by parents that admission to the Nursery does not guarantee admission to St Lawrence Church of England Primary School at Reception age, when the separate school admissions policy is applied.

Confirmation

This policy has been reviewed and agreed by the Governing Body on 17th May 2023 and will be renewed in the Summer Term 2025.

If you require a hard copy of this policy, please contact the school office.