



BISHOP PERRIN C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY 2027 – 2028

School Vision Statement

We will grow in the God-given virtues of “faith, hope and love” (1 Corinthians 13:13): having faith in God or being inspired by faith; having hope that we can work to change ourselves and the world for the better; and having love for others, reflecting God’s love for everyone.

To implement this vision the following principle has been agreed:

Bishop Perrin Church of England Primary School is a one-form entry voluntarily aided school. We admit children from practising Christian families and children from the local community.

To implement this principle the governors have produced the following admissions procedures and criteria:

Reception Admission for 2027-2028

Bishop Perrin is a one-form entry Voluntary Aided Church of England primary school. For Reception Class 2027 the governing body has set its Published Admissions Number at a maximum of 30 children whose 5th birthday falls during that school year. The date of admission is in the autumn term when all children attend on a full-time basis. Exceptionally the Governing Body have agreed they will exceed this number to admit all siblings from a multiple birth family should one of that multiple birth sibling be ranked at number 30.

Pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan

Bishop Perrin School has a duty to admit children with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that has named the school. These places will be allocated before all other children and are considered within the published number. If your child has an EHCP you should not complete the application form. Please contact the Special Educational Needs Team senteam@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Oversubscription Criteria

For each criterion, if there are more applications than places, offers of a place will be made according to the nearness of the parent / carer’s normal place of residence to the school as defined in criterion 5 overleaf. If there are fewer applications than places in any criterion, unfilled places will be allocated to the next criterion. In the event of a tie, allocation will be by random selection by the drawing of lots.

Late Applications received after the closing date will not be considered until all on-time applications have been dealt with.

Admission Criteria

After any EHCP children have been allocated, places will be offered to children in the criteria order:

1. Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children

The highest priority is given to looked after children and previously looked after children, including those children who appear to the admissions authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

*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 in accordance with Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, at the time an application for a school is made. Evidence will be required at the time of application.*

***Previously looked after children** - a) a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being in care became adopted from local authority care or subject to a child arrangement order under the terms of the Children Act 1989 or special guardianship order. A special guardianship order is defined in section 14A of the Children Act 1989 as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian or special guardians; b) a child who appears (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.*

2. Sibling

Those children who will have a **sibling** attending Reception to Year 6 at the same school at the time of admission.

***Sibling** refers to full-brother or sister, half-brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step-brother or sister or the child of the parent / carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the **same** family unit **at the same family address** and will still be on roll at the time your child will be admitted in September 2027.*

3. Foundation (Church-supported) places

Once places have been allocated according to criteria 1 and 2, 50% of the remaining places will be offered to Foundation places, and 50% will be offered to open place criteria (criteria 4 & 5). In the event of an uneven split, places will be rounded to the nearest whole number with the advantage falling to the Foundation place allocation.

Foundation places are offered in the following order to those children who, along with one or both parent/s/carer/s are regular worshippers:

- 1) At either St. Augustine of Canterbury, Whitton or Ss Philip and James, Whitton
- 2) Churches or chapels which are members of Churches Together in Whitton (CTiW)
- 3) Any other Church of England church within a 3-mile radius of the school

***Regular worshippers** mean attending worship at least twice every month for the last two consecutive years and this must be confirmed by the parish minister who will be requested to complete a Supplementary Information Form.*

For families who have recently moved to the area, it is acceptable to furnish evidence of regular attendance at a previous Church of England parish(es). Your previous minister/s will need to complete a Supplementary Information Form/s, available from the school office for this purpose.

4. Children of Employees of the School

Places will be offered to children of employees of the school who have been in post for at least two years and who will continue to be in post at the time of admission, or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable recruitment necessity.

5. Open places

Any remaining places will be offered to all other children, with priority given to those living closest to the school.

In order to be fair to all applicants the council uses a standard method of measuring home to school distance. For Richmond borough schools, the home to school distance is the shortest route by road or maintained footpath in metres as measured using the School Admissions' computerised geographical information system (GIS) and data supplied by Ordnance Survey. The starting point of the measurement is a grid reference point within the property (the seed point) that is supplied by Ordnance Survey. The end point is measured to the school's main entrance gate located at the end of the slip road on Hospital Bridge Road.

Home Address

If you change your **home address** during the application process, you must inform the school and the Council's School Admissions office within two weeks of your move. If you use an incorrect address this will be considered as an attempt to obtain a school place on the basis of false information and your application will be withdrawn.

*The **home address** must be based on the child's permanent address. Proof of address will be sought by the Local Authority at the time of admission and may be the subject of further investigation. Any address other than the child's permanent home will not be accepted. Where the child lives equally with both parents at different addresses the authority will consider all available evidence in order to confirm which address the authority will use to process the application.*

Completing your Application:

- **Apply online** by going to www.eadmissions.org.uk **between 1 September 2026** and the closing date of **1 January 2027**
- **Foundation applicants:** obtain from the school a **Supplementary Information Form** to be completed by the Minister at your place of worship and returned **to school by 1 January 2027**
- National Offer Day **1 April 2027**

Reception Year Deferred Start

If you feel that your child is not ready to start school in the September following their fourth birthday you can either arrange for your child to attend part-time until they reach statutory school age, or defer the date your child is admitted to the school until later on in the Reception year. If your child's entry is deferred, the school will hold your child's place and not offer it to another child. The latest your child can start school is the term after they reach statutory school age and no later than the beginning of the summer term 2028.

Admission Outside of the Child's Normal Age Group - September 2027 Admissions

If you would like to request for your child to be educated outside of their normal age group, you must still make an application for a school place by the closing date of **1 January 2027**. You will need to put your request to your home Local Authority in writing. You may also provide supporting documentation, should you wish to do so and this should be submitted at the time of application.

For those applying for In-Year admission outside of the child's normal age group, requests should be sent direct to the school.

For summer-born children, if it is agreed that they can be educated in a younger year group, the parent/carer will need to re-apply in the following year for entry into Reception in September 2028.

For further information on Primary Admission for September 2027 please see the links below:

London Borough of Richmond residents:

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/school-admissions>

London Borough of Hounslow residents:

https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20028/primary_admissions/1906/primary_school_admissions

Waiting List/In Year Admission

The school operates an on-going waiting list which is re-ranked as offers/ changes occur. The waiting list is maintained by the school and places will be offered in accordance with the school's published Admissions Criteria above regardless of date of receipt. Children up to the age of 11 can be admitted as vacancies occur.

In order to be considered for a place should a vacancy arise the parent/carer must complete an online **In-Year** application form available from The London Borough of Richmond / Achieving for Children team, more information can be found here:

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/school-admissions/changing-schools-in-year>

If you require further information please contact the school.

Admission Outside of the Child's Normal Age Group

Parents may seek admission outside of their child's chronological year group and should submit a separate written request to the Richmond Local Authority. Further information may be found on the London Borough of Richmond link above.

Fair Access Protocol

The school has entered into an agreement with the Local Authority to admit children who are currently without a school place and may have difficulty finding a suitable school place. Further information can be found at:

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/school-admissions/school-admissions-policies>

Appeals against Non-Admission

You have the right to appeal against the decision of the governing body not to offer your child a place. Further information regarding appeals can be found at:

www.richmond.gov.uk/admission_appeals

The law states that there must not be more than 30 pupils in an infant class: Years Reception, Years 1 and 2. If your child has been refused a place, an appeal can only be successful in very limited circumstances.

The appeal panel must consider the following:

- That the admission of additional children would not breach the infant class size limit of 30
- Whether the child would have been offered a place if the admissions arrangements had not been contrary to mandatory provisions in the School Admissions Code and the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (in other words, the admission arrangements are found to be unlawful)

- Whether the child would have been offered a place if the admissions arrangements had been followed properly
- Whether the decision to refuse admission was not one that a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case

For the panel to judge that an admission authority had acted unreasonably, they would have to be satisfied that the decision not to admit the child was 'perverse in the light of the admission arrangements,' i.e. the decision taken was so outrageous in its defiance of logic or of accepted moral standards that no sensible person could ever have reached it.

The deadline for appeals to be heard in the first round is on or around **17 May 2027**. Once dates have been finalised these will be added to the school's website:

www.bishopperrin.richmond.sch.uk