

# Collaton St. Mary C. of E. (V.A.) Primary School

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## Admissions Policy

2009/2010

1. 1.1. Collaton St. Mary Church of England Primary School serves:

- Children from families wanting a denominational (Church of England) education from the area defined as the ecclesiastical parishes of Paignton.
- Children from families living in the parish of Collaton St. Mary, under the terms of its Trust Deed, which set up the school originally.

This admissions policy sets out the criteria for admissions when there are more applications than places available (called the oversubscription criteria), and the process for admitting children into school.

1.2. Children are of legal school age in the term after their fifth birthday. However, with the increased provision for early years' education, the governors have decided to implement the policy of admitting at one point of entry, i.e. at the start of the Autumn term of the academic year in which a child reaches their fifth birthday.

The offer of a place will be confirmed for the September entrants of 2009 in accordance with the published dates agreed with the LA under the Co-ordinated Admissions scheme and published in the TIPS 5 booklet.

2. The Governors aim to admit 30 children, its planned admission number of children to the Reception age group. Children who have a Statement of Educational Needs and have this school named in the Statement will have this school allocated to them and will not be part of any oversubscription criteria.

These arrangements are reviewed every two years, as are the criteria listed below, which are used when the number of applications is greater than the number of available places. Within the LA's Co-ordinated Admissions arrangements, equal preference will be given to first and second choice applications.

3. Parents must apply using the TIPS 5 booklet and return the forms either in paper form or online to Torbay LA.

If a Foundation place is to be applied for, please complete the additional Voluntary Aided Schools Foundation place application form and return it to the school office. **This supplementary form must be completed as well as the TIPS application form if you wish to apply for a foundation place.**

4. A map of the area served for Community and Foundation places is available from the school office.

### SECTION A: FOUNDATION PLACES

These places are for those children whose parents particularly want a school based on a Christian ethos for their child. The supplementary form will need to be completed by the appropriate priest, minister or pastor defining the extent of the family's commitment to the worship and life of the church. This form must be sent to the school for consideration by the Admissions Committee. **The Voluntary Aided Schools Foundation Place Application form can be obtained from the school to which you are applying for a place.** This, plus the Torbay Schools general admission form, must be completed and given to the school, together with a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Taking into account the information on the Foundation Place form, the Governors will admit up to 10 children in this category accordingly to the following criteria:

- 2.1. Children from families worshipping at Collaton St Mary and Stoke Gabriel churches.
- 2.2. Any other children from families who, from the information given on the foundation place application form, are worshipping members of recognised Christian churches in the area defined as the Anglican parishes of Paignton. This category could include an offer of one place to a child of a family who are members of a major world faith other than those of the Christian faith i.e Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist or Sikh faiths.

In the event of oversubscription in this category, advantage will be given to:

- a) Children in Care
- b) Siblings of children in school at the date of admission. A sibling is defined as another child of the same family unit and living in the same household.

If the foundation places are undersubscribed, then the extra places will be treated as community ones.

### **SECTION B: COMMUNITY PLACES**

Children will be admitted to Community Places accordingly to the following criteria, which are in priority order. At least 20 places will be allocated in this section. A Torbay Admissions form must be completed and returned to school or the LA.

- 2.4 Children from families living in the parish of Collaton St Mary.
- 2.5 Children from families living outside the Parish.

### **TIE BREAKER CRITERIA (for both of the above)**

Children in care

Siblings (with priority given to families living in the parish). The definition of sibling is as above.

Children who have attended Collaton Playgroup and/or Kings and Queens Nursery.

Distance from school as measured by straight line from the entrance door of the school to the front entrance of the main residence of the applicant's family.

### **3. SECTION C: OTHER INFORMATION**

- 3.1. Foundation place applicants' families complete both forms (foundation and main application forms).
- 3.2. Applications must be accompanied by photocopies of the child's birth certificate. Please do not send originals.
- 3.3. For applications in year groups 1 to 6, casual places will be awarded based on the above criteria where necessary, as places become available.
- 3.4. Appeals: Parents may appeal, in writing, if their application is unsuccessful to:  
  
The Secretary, Diocesan Schools Admissions Appeals Committee, Civic Offices, Castle Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3DR.