

St Thomas CE Academy Birmingham Admissions Policy 2021

How to apply for Reception Class

An application must be made online at <u>www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions</u> or by using the local authority preference form. You will also be required to complete an additional form for this school, which is available from the school or the local authority. **Both forms must be completed for a place.**

How to make an in-year application

Applications made outside the normal admission round (in-year admissions) will be made directly to the school. The local authority will provide an in-year application form for parents to complete. You will also be required to complete an additional form as above.

Admission criteria

- 1. Children looked after by Local Authority (in line with section 22 of the Children Act) and children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship.
- 2. Children with siblings at St Thomas Academy at time of entry. (Siblings as defined by Birmingham Local Authority)
- 3. Children currently attending St Thomas Academy Nursery.
- 4. Children of parents who are of Christian/C of E denomination.
- a. Children of parents with a verified Church of England commitment.
- b. Children of parents with a verified commitment to a church recognised by Birmingham Churches Together in England.
- 5. Children who live nearest to the school.

In each case of a faith claim, the minister of the church concerned must verify there has been regular church attendance (attending at least once a month at worship for at least the preceding year). If offering places within any one of the priorities would cause the school's admission number to be exceeded then children living nearest to the school (as measured by the local authority) will be offered places first.

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 [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship

Special note **

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC) or statement that legally names St Thomas CE Academy will be offered a place first. This decision is made after consultation with Birmingham's Special Educational Needs Assessment and Review Service (SENAR). This will reduce the number of places available for other applicants.

ST THOMAS CE ACADEMY Great Colmore Street Birmingham B15 2AT <u>www.allsaintsmat.school</u> Type: Academy Published Admission Number: 30 DFE No: 330 3314 Tel: 0121 622 2151 Age Range: 4-11 Approx. Number on Roll:236 Ward: Ladywood

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