St Cyprian's Greek Orthodox Primary Academy

ΠΑΝΤΑ ΙΣΧΥΩ ΕΝ ΤΩ ΕΝΔΥΝΑΜΟΥΝΤΙ ΜΕ ΧΡΙΣΤΩ ΙΝΑ ΑΡΙΣΤΕΥΩ

I AM STRONG THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

TO THE BEST THAT I CAN BE

ADMISSIONS POLICY 2027
NURSERY

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Signed:

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ADMISSION OF PUPILS: YEAR 2027

Mission Statement

The aim of St. Cyprian's Greek Orthodox Academy is to provide its children with a primary education of the highest quality in a supportive learning environment, through the National Curriculum in the core subjects, enriched by the progressive learning of the Greek Language, culture and Christian Orthodox religion. The children of St Cyprian's Greek Orthodox School will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and spirituality to enable them to achieve their full potential and to prepare them to contribute positively to the challenges of a diverse multi-cultural society.

Admission Policy Nursery

Up to 26 boys and girls will be admitted in the academic year of their fourth birthday. Children with Special Educational Needs must be taken into account when determining and applying a schools admission number. Accordingly, if a child with an Education, Health & Care Plan is admitted to the school during a normal admission round they will be counted towards the admission number when considering if there is a place available for another child without an Education, Health & Care Plan. All children whose Education, Health & Care Plan names the school must be admitted.
In the event of the number of applications for admission exceeding the number of places available, the Governing Body will apply the following oversubscription criteria in the order set out below, in order to decide which children to admit:

1) Looked after children and all 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 (see note 1)
2) Children with one or more parents who worship monthly at a Greek Orthodox Church
3) Children with one or more parents whose Greek Orthodox religion has lapsed or who do not worship on a monthly basis
4) Children with one or more parents who worship monthly at other Christian Orthodox churches
5) Children with one or more parents who worship monthly at a Catholic or Church of England Church
6) Children with one or more parents who worship monthly at a Christian church.
7) Any other children by distance from the school, with priority for admission given to children who live nearest to the school as measured by using Ordnance Survey data to plot an address in this system. Distances are measured as the crow flies from the main entrance of the child's home to the main entrance of the school as specified by the local authority's GIS.

If an application is made under the "looked –after" criterion, it must be supported by a letter from the relevant Local Authority (Children's Services) Department.

Note 1

Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order, immediately after being looked after.

If an application is made under the 'looked after' criterion, it must be supported by a letter from the relevant Local Authority Children's Services Department. If applying under the 'previously looked after' criterion, a copy of the adoption or special guardianship order must be supplied.
Looked after children are defined as children in public care at the date on which the application is made. 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 (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

Waiting Lists
Waiting lists for each year group will be maintained for one term in the academic year of admission.

Tie Breaker
In the event that the number of applications exceeds the places available within any of the above categories, random allocation will be used to decide between applications. This process will be independently verified.

Nursery Applications
To apply for a place in the Nursery, the school's Supplementary Information Form needs to be completed and returned to the school.