



Admissions Criteria for St Aidan's Church of England High School, Harrogate For the Intake of September 2017

The school serves the Deaneries of Harrogate and Ripon. The school's admission number is 226.

Children with a statement of special educational need naming St Aidan's Church of England High School will be allocated a place in line with section 324 of the Education Act.

In the case of oversubscription, places are offered to those who fulfil the following criteria. In determining places the Governors will allocate places as follows:-

Priority 1:

Children currently or previously looked after by the local authority. (*See note B*)

Priority 2:

Siblings of children attending the school at the time of admission. (*See note C*)

Priority 3:

Foundation Places:

80% of the remaining places will be allocated to children of the Christian faith living within the Anglican Deaneries of Harrogate and Ripon (refer to Appendix 2).

Of these places 85% will be allocated to those living in the Harrogate Deanery and 15% to those living in the Ripon Deanery based on the points allocated for church attendance (see Appendix 1).

After the initial allocation a single waiting list will be drawn up for foundation places across both Deaneries and places will be allocated to those with the highest point's total. If there is a need to differentiate between applications with the same number of points, priority will be determined by geographic proximity to the school by the nearest route according to the NYCC electronic measuring system.

Priority 4:

Children of staff at the school in either or both of the following circumstances:

- a. where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made;
and/or
- b. where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.



Priority 5:

Up to 5 children living within the Anglican Deaneries of Harrogate and Ripon with a demonstrated medical/social need for a place at St Aidan's. (*See note D*)

Priority 6:

Up to 5 children of other faiths living within the Anglican Deaneries of Harrogate and Ripon. (*See Note E*)

Priority 7:

Community Places: Remaining places will be allocated to those applicants living within the Anglican Deaneries of Harrogate and Ripon closest to the school (determined by geographic proximity to the school, by the nearest route, according to the NYCC electronic measuring system) regardless of their eligibility under any other priorities.

Priority 8:

Remaining places will be allocated to children living outside the Anglican Deaneries of Harrogate and Ripon according to the points scored for church attendance (*see Appendix 1*). Where there is a need to differentiate between applications with the same points score, priority will be determined by geographic proximity to the school, by the nearest route, according to the NYCC electronic measuring system.



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Notes

- A. The ecclesiastical parishes of the Deaneries of Harrogate & Ripon can be found by entering your postcode at www.achurchnearyou.com you can find your parish church and clarify which Deanery your residence is in. If you then open the details of that church and look under the 'More Info' tab, it will tell you which Deanery you live in.
- B. 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. Previously looked after children are children who were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order) immediately following having been looked after.
- C. 'Siblings' include step siblings, foster siblings, adopted siblings and other children living permanently at the same address. "Time of Admission" is determined as the first day of term in September.
- D. A medical or social need will refer to some particular and exceptional reason why a place at St Aidan's will be important to the medical or social well-being of the child. Supporting evidence will be required in writing from a health or social care professional.
- E. Children of other faiths will require a letter of support from their faith leader confirming frequency of attendance at worship. There is a minimum requirement of monthly attendance at a place of worship to be considered under this category. Where there are more than five applications priority will be given on a points basis equivalent to that used for Foundation Places. Where there is a need to differentiate between applications with the same points score, priority will be determined by geographic proximity to the school, by the nearest route, according to the NYCC electronic measuring system.
- F. If the distance between two children's homes and the school is the same, random allocation will be used as a tie-break in Priorities 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9 above to decide who has highest priority for admission. This process will be independently verified.



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Appendix 1:

Church attendance is measured by the approximate number of weeks in which the person has attended a church service in the **three year period** immediately before the date of application.

1. Church attendance of child

Weekly*	▪	3 points
2-3 times/month	▪	2 points
monthly	▪	1 points

2. Church attendance of parent or guardian

Weekly*	▪	3 points
2-3 times/month	▪	2 points
Monthly	▪	1 points

** Weekly indicates every week except for sickness and family holidays and would usually therefore be in excess of 40 weeks in the year.*

If your pattern of attendance has changed significantly during the last three years, then an average over the three years should be used.

<i>e.g.</i>	<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>weeks</i>
	<i>Year 2</i>	<i>Fortnightly</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>weeks</i>
	<i>Year 3</i>	<i>Weekly</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>weeks</i>
		<i>=</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>weeks averaged over 3 years = 28</i>
				<i>i.e. 2-3 times per month</i>

Application forms for Foundation places (Priority 3) must be endorsed by a leader of the specified Church community **before** submission.

Note: Where "church" is referred to in the criteria, the Governors recognise any branch of the Christian Church affiliated to Churches Together in England (or in full sympathy with its Trinitarian stance). If in doubt please consult one of your church leaders. A list of churches affiliated to and/or in sympathy with Churches Together in England is appended to the application form.