Admission Arrangements for St Andrew's Church of England VC Primary School Nursery for 2026/2027

The school's published admission number is 30.

Section 324 of the Education Act 1996 requires the Governing bodies of all maintained schools to admit a child with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that names their school.

If there are fewer applications than places available at St Andrew's C of E VC Primary School Nursery, all applicants will be admitted. If there are more applications than places available (30), the criteria outlined below will be used to prioritise applications.

Rule 1 **Children looked after** and children who were previously looked after, including those children who appear (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. Previously looked after children are those who were looked after but ceased to be so because of being adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order* or a special guardianship order*. Children who were not looked after immediately before being adopted or made the subject of a child arrangement order or special guardianship order, will not be prioritised under this rule.

Rule 2 **Medical or Social** Children for whom it can be demonstrated have a particular medical or social need to go to the school. A panel of officers will determine whether the evidence provided is sufficiently compelling to meet the requirements for this rule. The evidence must relate specifically to the school applied for under Rule 2 and must clearly demonstrate why it is the only school that can meet the child's needs.

Rule 3 **Sibling:** Children who have a sibling on the roll of the school at the time of application*. *This applies to Reception through to Year 5.* In Year Admissions: the sibling may be in the school's final year (Year 6), as long as they will still be in attendance at the time of the admission.

Rule 4: **Nearest School** Children for whom it is their nearest school or academy. This includes all schools except those which allocate places on the basis of faith (membership or practice) before allocating on the basis of distance/location.

Rule 5: **Distance** Children who live nearest to the school. *Children not considered under rule 4 will be considered under rule 5.*

Tiebreak
If more children qualify under a particular rule than there are places available, a tiebreak will be used by applying the next rule to those children. If more children qualify under criterion 4 than there are places available, priority will be given to those who live nearest to the Nursery as measured in a straight line.

Where there is a need for a tie-breaker where two different addresses measure the same distance from a school, in the case of a block of flats for example, the lower door number will be deemed nearest as logically this will be on the ground floor and therefore closer. If there are two identical addresses of separate applicants, the tie break will be random.

Distance Measurement
Measured by distance from the school. All distances will be by a 'straight-line' measurement from the postal address point of each individual house to the address point of the school, (address point data taken from Google Maps).

Continuing Interest List
If there are more than 30 applicants, St. Andrew's Primary will hold a Continuing Interest List for any places which may become available. The above admissions arrangements will be put in place if a subsequent Nursery position becomes available and there are more applicants than places at the time of the vacancy.