



# Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School - Admissions 2021/22

## Introduction

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School is an Academy and as such the Governing Body is the admissions authority.

We aim to create a safe, caring and versatile environment that is both stimulating and challenging for very young children, with dedicated staff committed to good quality learning and teaching.

## How can parents apply for their child to be admitted to our school?

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School is part of Bath and North East Somerset's Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme. All applications for admission must be submitted to your home Local Authority (LA) by the published closing date. The LA will forward all applications to the school and the Governing Body will rank all applications against the admissions criteria. The ranked list will then be returned to the LA under the coordinated admissions scheme and they will make a single offer of a place on the published date.

Admissions criteria for the school are as follows:

### Special Educational Needs

The Special Educational Needs Code of Practice requires that Governing Bodies admit any children with a Statement of Special Educational Need or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) naming Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School, before it will consider any other applications.

Following the admission of any children with a Statement of Special Educational Need or an EHCP, the Governing Body will consider all other applications received by the closing date.

Where there are fewer applications than places available within the school's Published Admission Number, the Governing Body will admit those children.

Where there are more applications received than there are places available within the required year group, the Governing Body will consider all **on time** applications against the criteria as set out below.

### PRIORITY A

Children in Public care (Looked After Children) or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement or special guardianship order.

### PRIORITY B

The 2 categories in this criterion will be given equal consideration.

- Children who live within a 1.5 mile radius\* of the school and for whom there will be a sibling in attendance on the admission date at the preferred school.
- Children who live outside a 1.5 mile radius\* of the school but it is their closest School and for whom there will be a sibling in attendance on the admission date at the preferred school.

### PRIORITY C

Children who live closest to the school as measured in a direct line.

### Additional Notes

To be considered under the above criteria parents must have named the school as a preference. Under the above criteria all preferences are considered equally. If a child qualifies for more than one school they will be offered their highest preference as stated on their application form.

\* The 1.5 mile radius will be measured from the address point of a school as defined by the Local Land & Property Gazetteer (LLPG).

In all cases, distances will be measured in a direct line from the address point of the child's home address to the address point of a school as defined by the Local Land & Property Gazetteer (LLPG). Measurements will be determined using the Local Authority's GIS computerised mapping system.

If under all the above criteria any single category resulted in oversubscription, those living closer to the preferred school would receive the higher priority. Where there is more than one applicant ranked equally according to the published admission criteria and there are insufficient places available to allocate all of the equally ranked applicants the place(s) will be allocated by random allocation.

### Published Admission Number

The Published Admission Number is the number of children the Governing Body considers the school can accommodate. The Published Admission Number for our school is **15**.

**Admission Appeals**

If the Governing Body does not offer a child a place at this school, this will be because to do so would prejudice the education of other children by allowing the number of children in the school to increase too much.

Parents whose application is turned down by the Governing Body have the legal right to appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel (IAP). Details of how to appeal will be explained in the decision letter. The IAP's decision is binding for all parties concerned.

**Deferred Entry**

Parents of children aged four, but who have not yet reached their fifth birthday have the right to apply for a deferred entry into school. In these circumstances, parents can:

- a. request that their child start school, in the Reception year group at a later stage in the academic year, however, must be in full time education by the start of the term after their fifth birthday.
- b. request that their child takes up a place on a part time basis until their child reaches their fifth birthday.