FRANCISCAN PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CRITERIA 2020 - 2021

The oversubscription admission criteria for Nursery and Reception places are the same.

Applications for Nursery are direct to the school.

Applications for Reception are through the PAN London co-ordinated admissions system, via Wandsworth Council.

Places will first be offered to children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education Health and Care Plan which names the school. These children will be included in the overall admission number of the school.

In the event of oversubscription, the remaining places will then be allocated in the following order of priority as follows:

(i) Looked after children and those who ceased to be looked after children looked after because they were adopted, or because they became subject to a residence order, child arrangements order or a special guardianship order (note 1);

(ii) Children with a professionally supported exceptional medical need or exceptional social need for a place at a particular school, as decided by the Governing Body (note 2);

(iii) Children living inside the priority area with a brother or sister on the school roll on the date of admission (note 3);

(iv) Children of employees of the Graveney Trust who work at Franciscan Primary School (note 5)

(v) Other children living inside the priority area in order of straight line distance from home to school, as measured by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System. (note 4);

(vi) Children living outside the priority area with a brother or sister on the school roll on the date of admission (note 3);

(vii) Other children living outside the priority area in order of straight line distance from home to school, as measured by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System. (note 4);

If there are more applications than places within any category, applications will be considered in order of straight line distance from home to school as measured by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System (note 4).

Notes:

1. A child looked after is a child in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989. An adopted child is defined by section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or section 12 of the Adoption Act 1976. A residence order is defined by section 8 of the Children Act 1989. A child arrangement order is defined by section 8 of the Children Act 1989 as amended by section 14 of the Children and Families Act 2014. A special guardianship order is defined by section 14A of the Children Act 1989.
2. Applications made on exceptional medical grounds must be supported by a current letter from a specialist health professional. Applications made on exceptional social grounds must be supported by a current letter from a social worker or other care professional working with the family. The letters must give reasons why the child's condition or circumstances make it necessary for the child to attend the school, and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend an alternative school. If this information is not provided by the application closing date, the application will not be considered under this criterion. Application under this criterion does not guarantee a priority place.
3. A sibling is a full brother or sister, a step/half brother or sister living at the same address, a child who is living as part of the family by reason of a court order, or a child who has been placed with foster carers as a result of being looked after by a local authority.
4. The straight-line measurement used to prioritise applicants for admission to schools in Wandsworth commences in all cases at the location of the property and terminates at the central point of the school site as determined by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System. Measurements by alternative systems and/or to other points will not be taken into

account in any circumstances. Where applicants have identical distance measurements, priority amongst them will be determined at random.

5. The member of staff must have been employed by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made or be a member of staff who was recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
6. The permanent address of the parent/guardian with whom the child is living on the closing date for applications will be used for this purpose and this must be the address where the family normally lives. Parents are not permitted to use a temporary address to secure a school place for the child. A business address, a child-minder's address, or any address including a family member's address other than the child's permanent home will not be accepted. Proof of address will be sought and if there is any doubt about the validity of the address given it may be the subject of further investigation. Please see the "Choose a Wandsworth Primary School" admissions brochure for further information.
7. Where a child lives with parents with shared custody/responsibility, the address where the child spends the majority of the week should be used by parents for the school application. If there is a genuine 50/50 shared arrangement in place, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. In cases where an agreement cannot be reached between the parents and Child Benefit is claimed, the address that is registered for this claim will be used. Additional proof may be requested, e.g. court order or a solicitor's letter to confirm the arrangements.
8. There is no automatic right of transfer from the nursery class to the reception class. If there are more applications than places available, priority will be based on the above criteria alone.

PRIORITY AREA

The boundaries of the priority area for Franciscan School run along the roads detailed below. These roads and all the roads inside the boundary are included in the priority area (unless otherwise stated).

- South side of Derinton Road (even numbers 10-316)
- West side of Rectory Lane (from north side of Hill House to junction with Mitcham Road)
- North side of Mitcham Road (odd numbers 1-215) and including Bevill Allen Close
- East sides of Tooting High Street (odd numbers 1-69) and Upper Tooting Road (odd numbers 127-247).