

Admissions Criteria

Abbot Alphege Academy

One year only: 2017-2018

Years Reception to 6 (In-year admissions)

There will be 30 places available, likely to be in mixed-age classes. Pupils taking up these 30 places will be supported and resourced by Weston All Saints Primary School, part of The Comenius Multi-Academy Trust.

1. 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 order, or special guardianship order.
2. These places will be offered according to siblings of children who have applied for a place in Reception at Abbot Alphege Academy for the academic year 2017-18.
3. Children who live closest to the school, as measured in a direct line from the child's home address (defined as the permanent address where he or she generally resides with the parent/carer who has parental responsibility, or where responsibility is shared, the address of the parent/carer who receives Child Benefit) to the school. Measurements will be determined using the Local Authority's GIS computerised mapping system.

Notes :

1. **Tiebreaker:** When applications within the above categories exceed the number of places available, priority will be given to children who live nearest the school;

If it is necessary to use a tie breaker to distinguish between two or more applications, **a distance criterion will be used.** Priority would be given to those children living nearest the school as measured in a straight line from the address point of the child's home address to the address point of the school as defined by the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG). Measurements will be determined using the Local Authority's Geographic Information System (GIS) computerised mapping system with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority. The GIS system used within this LA would not be able to calculate a staircase measurement in the case of multi-level dwellings. If the distance between two children's homes and the school is exactly the same then a random allocation would be used for any such cases.

This will be undertaken in the school building by a person entirely independent of the Admissions Committee and with no current connection to the school.

2. Multiple birth applications (for example twins)

In the event of the school being oversubscribed where the applicant for the final qualifying place(s) available within the admission number is the parent/carer of twins, triplets or other multiple births the school will breach the admission number to allow these children to be offered places. In the case where there would be Infant Class Size issues such children will remain as an 'excepted pupil' under the Admissions Code for the time they are in an infant class or until the class numbers fall back to the normal class size limit of 30.

3. Home Address & Families moving into the area

The child's normal permanent home address where he or she lives with his or her parents or legal guardians will be used to decide where the child lives. Temporary addresses cannot be used to obtain school places. If parents or carers plan to move, appropriate documentary evidence will be required in order for address changes to be taken into account.

Examples of evidence that may be acceptable to determine a child's address are:-

- A solicitor's letter confirming exchange of contracts and completion date for a property which is being purchased or a property which is being sold.
- A copy of a signed rental agreement or a solicitor's letter if moving to a council or rented property and proof of your sale or Notice to Quit on your current/previous property.
- A copy of a council tax bill or utility bill such as water, gas or electricity in your name for your newly owned or rented property together with proof of your sale or Notice to Quit on your current/previous property.
- A child benefit book.
- If you are moving in with a relative a letter from them will be required confirming the date you will be moving in together with a copy utility bill showing their name and address. A solicitor's letter will also be required confirming that completion of contracts has taken place on your sale or Notice to Quit on your current/previous property.
- In the case of children of UK Service Personnel or Crown Servants returning from overseas, with a confirmed posting to the area an official letter declaring the relocation date and a Unit postal address or quartering area address should be provided.

4. Right of Appeal

Parents who are unsuccessful in their application for a place at the school have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel. Further information concerning how to appeal will be explained in the decision letter.

5. Waiting List

Parents/Carers who make a formal appeal against their allocated school will have their child's name kept on a waiting list for any places which may become available at their preferred school. They may also ask for their child to remain on the waiting list without making a formal appeal. Any places which do become available will be reallocated using the Admissions Criteria, taking into account those parents who have asked to remain on the waiting list or who have lodged a formal appeal together with any late applications received.

6. Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education Health and Care Plan (EHC)

Children with an Education Health and Care Plan [EHC] are dealt with separately through the statutory assessment process or a review of their plan. All schools are consulted before being named on a pupil's plan and schools have the opportunity to draw attention to any difficulties arising from oversubscribed year groups. If a particular school is named this will take priority over the Admissions Criteria, although, wherever possible the place will be offered within the Admission Number for the school.