



Christ Church CofE (VA) Primary School and Nursery Application to Nursery 2019/2020

Parents should fill in this form when applying for a Nursery place at the school and ensure that they have a copy of the Admission Policy prior to completing the form.

Christ Church has its origins in the Town School founded in 1860 by Robert Hanbury for the purpose of providing children with a 'spiritual and moral education'. It became a primary school in 1961 and established its present status as a church school in 1971. Its links with the parish church are very good and are evident in the strong Christian ethos of the school.

The ethos' of the school is characterised by a strong sense of caring and mutual respect. It is a feature of school life that creates a very harmonious atmosphere and enables children to feel secure and learn with confidence. A notable aspect of the ethos is the strong sense of inclusiveness and community. All the adults in the school, teaching and non-teaching, work as a team and value each other's contributions.

There is a good climate for learning at Christ Church, due to the strong leadership and good teaching that exists in the school. Children achieve well in all aspects of school life.

The behaviour of the children in and around school is very good. Discipline is well managed by the staff with much praise and endorsement of good behaviour. The school encourages children to understand the need for self-discipline and rules for behaviour. Each class discusses and agrees a set of rules.

The school has excellent links with Christ Church. The vicar and members of his team are frequent visitors to the school. The governing body is strongly committed to the Christian ethos of the school and is very supportive of the staff. This creates a strong sense of common purpose.

Children's spiritual, moral and social development is very good. There are clear expectations of children. They are taught, by word and example, to respect and value each other. The pastoral care provided by all adults in the school is very good. Spiritual development is promoted through the ethos of the school, collective worship and the curriculum. Children are encouraged to reflect, to question and to respond in a wide range of contexts. The school provides opportunities for children to respond to the needs of others, through a range of charitable causes. Children are sensitive to the needs of others.

In conclusion Christ Church is an ever-improving school – our aim is to maintain the best of traditional values, alongside a modern and exciting approach to teaching and learning.

Admissions Criteria

If applications to Christ Church Nursery exceed the number of places available, then the following set of admission criteria, or rules, are used to decide which children to offer places to:

1. Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs which names the school will be allocated a place in accordance with section 324 of the Education Act 1996. Children for whom it can be demonstrated that they have a particular medical or social need to go to the school.
2. Children in public care (children looked after).
3. A child 'at risk' (or the sibling of a child 'at risk') who is the subject of an inter-agency child protection plan.
4. All 'looked after' children or children who were previously 'looked after' but immediately after being 'looked after' became subject to an adoption, child arrangement or special guardianship order (see definitions)
5. Children who have a sibling who will be attending the school at the time of entry (see definitions).
6. Children whose families attend a church service at Christ Church or St Mary's the Virgin, Ware, at least once a month, for at least a year before the application of places. (Please ask your minister to complete the last page of this for).
7. Children of staff employed by the Governing Body of Christ Church School on a permanent basis: children will be allocated a place if either or both of the following conditions are met: a. Where a member of staff has been employed by the school for two or more years at the time the application is made. b. Where the Governors can demonstrate that the member of staff has been recruited to fill a vacant position for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage. (see definitions).
8. Children who live (home address) within the parishes of St Mary's and Christ Church.
9. Any other children – children in this category will be allocated according to distance; those living closest to the school first.

Right of Appeal: Parents are asked not to telephone the school to discuss the allocation but appeal in writing to the School giving the circumstances to be taken into account.

Offers will be made from Thursday 15th March and must be accepted by Friday 26th April.

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School Application Form for Nursery 2019 - 2020

Child's Surname: _____

Child's First Name/s: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Child's Address: _____

Please complete the details for both parents:		
	Parent/carer 1	Parent/carer 2
Title		
Forename		
Surname		
Address:		
Email address:		
Telephone number (s) Daytime & Mobile		
Signature		
OFFICE USE ONLY:	Date Received:	
	Distance:	

If you would like your application to be considered under criteria 1-4 in our admissions policy, please state the number(s) below and attach supporting evidence.

If the child has sibling/s at Christ Church school, please give name/s below:

As a family do you attend Church? Yes/No

Name of Church attended: _____

If you do attend Church, please ask your minister to confirm this.

I confirm that the family of _____
are practising Christians who have attended a church service at least once
a month, for at least a year before the allocation of places.

Signature of Minister: _____

Date: _____

Please complete and return this form to:
Christ Church CofE (VA) Primary School and Nursery
New Road
Ware
Hertfordshire
SG12 7BT

by Thursday 28th February 2019

If we are not able to allocate a place for your child, would you like to stay on
our Continued Interest List Yes / No We will contact you after 28th April.