



Admission criteria for the voluntary-aided schools in Barking and Dagenham

St Margaret's Church of England Primary School

Admission criteria and procedure

St Margaret's is a Church of England primary school in the local authority of Barking and Dagenham. Each year group holds 60 children and we welcome applications from all children in the local community. Our open evening is on Thursday 17 November 2016 from 6.30 to 7.30pm if you would like to visit our school.

We give priority to children of parents who worship in Church of England churches, particularly those within Barking. If you apply under the faith criteria, you should fill in the supplementary information form (SIF) to show your commitment to your faith and links to your local church

Before you apply for a place at this school, please follow the instructions on pages 36 to 37.

The table below shows the number of points awarded for meeting certain criteria.

Points awarded to children and their families who:

10	Children and their families who regularly go to St Margaret's, St Patrick's, Christ Church, Thames View or St Erkenwald's churches in Barking
7	Children and their families who regularly go to East Ham Team Ministry, St George's and St Paul's, East Ham, St Luke's Ilford and All Saints, Goodmayes
6	Children and their families who regularly go to other Anglican churches
5	Children and their families who regularly go to churches in the parishes of the Barking Team or St Erkenwald, which are full members of Churches Together in England or the Evangelical Alliance
3	Children and their families who regularly go to all other Christian churches
2	Children and their families who occasionally go to the Parish of Barking churches (St Margaret's, St Patrick's, Christ Church)
1	Any other children

Extra points:

2	Children who will have one or more siblings at the school on the date they start school. (Sibling means a full brother or sister, a half-brother or half-sister, a stepbrother or stepsister, or an adopted or long-term fostered brother or sister living at the same address and going to the same school.)
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Important notes:

- Children who are or were in the care of a local authority are given priority over all other children and you will need to provide a letter signed by a fully qualified social worker employed by that local authority if this applies. After we have offered places to any children who are or were in the care of a local authority, the remaining places will be filled by children with the highest number of points using the criteria above.
- Regularly going to a church means going at least twice a month, for a period of at least one year, to your present or previous place of worship. You must get written evidence from any previous places of worship to support your application.
- If two or more children have an equal claim to a place in any one category, we will give priority to children who live closest to the school, measured in kilometres in a straight line (as the crow flies). We (the Barking and Dagenham Admissions Team) measure all distances using ESRI's geographical information system from the centre of the child's home to the school's main gate. If you live outside the area, we will use the same system to measure distances. When children have an equal claim to a place because their measurements are the same (for example, from a block of flats), we will use a lottery system (random allocation) to offer places to children. Please write to us (the School Admissions Team) if you would like full details of the lottery system we use.
- If your child already goes to our nursery, this does not necessarily mean they will be offered a place in the primary school.

Administration

You will need to fill in the common application form (CAF) and return it to your School Admission Team where you live by 15 January 2017. You must also fill in the SIF for our school on pages 49 to 50 if you are applying under the faith criteria and return it to the school by 15 January 2017. Please see pages 36 to 37 for full details. A panel of governors will consider all applications, and your local authority will let you know the outcome on 18 April 2017. Appeals and interest list information is on pages 22 and 23.