

# ORSETT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Governing Body:

Each Church School has a governing body constituted in accordance with its Instrument of Government, which is responsible for the school and on which the Church, Local Authority, parents and teachers will be represented. The Chair of Governors of this school is:

Ms D Barrick  
C/o Orsett Church of England Primary School

## Admissions:

It is the policy of the governors to try to admit the children of all parents who opt for their children to be educated at this school. It should be noted that our number intended to admit is a maximum of 30 in each year group. Therefore living in Orsett Parish does not guarantee a place at the school for your child. However, applications from children living in the ecclesiastical parish of Orsett will be considered first.

Parents wishing their children to attend the school should apply to the Governing Body via Thurrock LA by completing the Thurrock Co-ordinated Admissions Application Form and the Orsett School Supplementary Information Form.

Completed application forms should be returned as follows:

**Thurrock Co-ordinated Application Form – send direct to Thurrock LA.**  
**Orsett Supplementary Information Form – return to school.**

In the event of more applications being received than there are places available, and particularly with regard to requests from outside the area normally served by the school, the governors will allocate places according to the criteria as detailed below.

***Children in Public Care will be given first consideration above all categories of priority.***

### A) CHILDREN LIVING IN THE PARISH OF ST GILES AND ALL SAINTS, ORSETT

1. Whether the parents regularly worship at the parish church of St Giles and All Saints. (See notes for definition of regular worship).
2. Whether the parents regularly worship at another Anglican Church (Priority will be given to churches in the Deanery of Thurrock). (See notes for definition of regular worship).
3. Whether the parents regularly worship at a non-Anglican Christian denomination Church, (Priority will be given to churches within the area, which corresponds to the Thurrock Deanery). (See notes for definition of regular worship).
4. Whether the child has any siblings at the school at the date of application and admission and have not met any of the above criteria.
5. Whether the parents, although worshipping in another faith, wish their child to attend a Christian school because of its specifically religious emphasis.
6. Children living closest to the school by straight-line measurement.

B) CHILDREN NOT LIVING IN THE PARISH OF ORSETT.

1. Whether the parents regularly worship at the parish church of St Giles and All Saints. (See notes for definition of regular worship).
2. Whether the parents regularly worship at another Anglican Church (Priority will be given to churches in the Deanery of Thurrock). (See notes for definition of regular worship).
3. Whether the parents regularly worship at a non-Anglican Christian denomination Church, (Priority will be given to churches within the area, which corresponds to the Thurrock Deanery). (See notes for definition of regular worship).
4. Whether the child has any siblings at the school at the date of application and admission and have not met any of the above criteria.
5. Whether the parents, although worshipping in another faith, wish their child to attend a Christian school because of its specifically religious emphasis.
6. Children living closest to the school by straight-line measurement.

NOTES (These notes form part of the admissions criteria and apply both to children living in the parish of Orsett and children not living in the parish of Orsett)

- a) Children with a Statement of Special Educational Need are allocated school places under different regulations and will override all other categories of priority.
- b) Priority will be given to children with siblings in the school at the date of application and admission within each category. For the purpose of allocating places, the following will be classified as siblings, full siblings, step siblings, half siblings and long term foster siblings living at the same address at the time of application and admission.
- c) Notwithstanding the above criteria, the Governors reserve the right to admit children for special social, medical or pastoral reasons. To demonstrate an exceptional, medical or pastoral need of the child which can be most appropriately met at Orsett Church of England VA Primary School, the Governing Body will normally require written evidence from an appropriate professional, such as a social worker, doctor or priest.
- d) Parents of children offered a place before they are of compulsory school age must advise the school in writing if they wish to defer their child's entry until later in the academic year. However, for children born in the Summer Term deferred entry will mean that will miss their Reception Year at school, and a new application must be made for a year one place.
- e) A map of the Parish of St Giles and All Saints is held in the School office.
- f) The Governors will take up the references on the application form, particularly in relation to religious involvement.
- g) Regular worship of a church is defined as being on a monthly basis for at least one year. (A minimum of 12 times over a period of one year). With regard to families having recently moved into the area a reference from their previous church will be taken into consideration.
- h) In the event of two children being of equal merit for admission to the school according to the established criteria, the distance from home to school measured on a straight line basis (in metres by a digital mapping system from the front door of the home address to the main school gate) will be used, with the closest to the school gaining priority. In the case of twins/multiple births or same distance measurement, if more than one child is entitled to the last place in a year group the one available place will be offered using the system of 'Random Allocation' (a lottery). This process will be administered by Thurrock Pupil Admissions and supervised by an independent witness.

- i) The Governors reserve the right to check information given. If it is discovered that false information has been provided for the purpose of obtaining a place, the offer of a place may be withdrawn.
- j) All applications must be made by the LA DEADLINE DATE, preceding the academic year in which the child is to start school, (or any other date in line with the LA).**
- k) If your circumstances change after your application has been submitted please notify the school.