

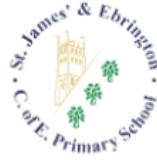
**CONSULTATION ON ST JAMES AND EBRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL WITHIN THE NORTH  
COTSWOLD SCHOOLS FEDERATION MAT (NCSF MAT)  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026**

The School Admissions Code 2021 requires all admission authorities to consult upon their admission arrangements if changes are to be made or if there are no changes, at least once every 7 years.

The NCSF Trust is the admission authority for all the schools within the Trust. We are required to consult on our admission arrangements every 7 years. The schools above last consulted upon their admission arrangements in 2016, therefore we are now due a full consultation.

**St James and Ebrington Primary School currently have the oversubscription criteria give priority in the following order:**

1. Looked After Children/Previously Looked After Children Definition A 'looked after child' ( 1 ) or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption( 2 ) child arrangements order (residency order) ( 3 ) or special guardianship order ( 4 ) including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted ( 5 ). (1) A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. In Gloucestershire, such children are referred to as Children in Care. (2) This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children's Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders). (3) Under the provisions of s.12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. (4) See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians). (5) A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.
2. Children resident in the parishes listed in paragraph 1 and with siblings registered at the school at the time of their admission. (We define a sibling as: *a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address*).
3. Children resident in the parishes listed in paragraph 1. A map showing these parishes can be seen, on request, at the School Office.
4. Children with siblings registered at the school, who reside outside the parishes listed in paragraph 1 at the time of their admission. (We define a sibling as: *a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address*).
5. Children whose parent(s), at the time of admission, have been on the electoral roll of a parish church within the Church of England for at least one year, and regularly worshipping there for at least once each calendar month for a minimum of one year. A SIF should be completed and signed by the minister of the church.



**We will be making the following changes to the academic year 2025-2026 in line with the Gloucestershire admission authority criteria and the NCSF MAT admissions policy.**

1. A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements order or special guardianship order (1) including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children who will have siblings attending the school at the time the applicant child is admitted.
3. Children with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the Ordnance Survey address point of the school, (using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

The changes to the admission criteria have been made to prioritise children who have siblings attending the school as we believe that there are significant logistical difficulties for families who may have primary aged children at different schools.

The faith criteria in point 4 has been removed to reflect our theologically rooted inclusive school vision.

The additional school application form has been removed to reflect these changes.

If you have any comments to make, please do by emailing our point of contact for this consultation Anna Mason ([actingexecutivehead@ncsf.school](mailto:actingexecutivehead@ncsf.school))