



Godinton Primary School Oversubscription Criteria September 2026

This information applies to current in year admissions and Reception admissions in 2027–28

Godinton Primary School admits 60 pupils into each year group. In the event of oversubscription in any year group, the following criteria will be applied in priority order:

- **Children in Local Authority Care (looked after children LAC) or Previously in Local Authority Care (PLAC)** 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, or special guardianship order. 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). The 2021 Admissions Code requires children 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 to be given equal first priority in admission arrangements, alongside looked after children (LAC) and children who were previously looked after by English local authorities (PLAC). This advice refers to these children as internationally adopted previously looked after children (IAPLAC). All references to previously looked after children within this policy includes IAPLAC.
- **Current Family Association** – Those children who have a brother or sister already at the school. To qualify for this criterion, the brother or sister must still be attending the school when the younger sibling starts. There is no sibling link if the brother or sister is in Year 6 when an application is made, and will subsequently have left the school when the younger sibling joins. In addition, the family must still live at the same address as when the brother/sister was first admitted, or if they have subsequently moved, they must now live within 2 miles of the school (straight line distance) or have moved nearer to the school from where they were living previously. If the family has moved more than 2 miles from the school since the sibling was admitted, the sibling link is deemed to have been broken. In this context brother or sister means children living as brother or sister in the same house which is their main residence,

including natural brothers and sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers and stepsisters and foster brothers and sisters.

- **Staff children** – Where admission of the child is required to enable the retention of a member of staff to a key position, provided the staff member has been employed at Godinton Primary School for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made; and/or where admission of the child is required to allow recruitment of the member of staff to a post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- **Health and Special Access Reasons** – This applies to children whose health or physical impairment means they have to go to a particular school because he/she can only move easily around certain kinds of building. A medical practitioner must provide written evidence to support your request. The KCC admissions booklet also provides details with regard to parental health issues and how this impacts on applying for a school place.
- **Nearness of the Child's Home to School** – Once the other criteria have been taken into consideration, the children are offered places according to who lives closest to the school. The distance is measured, using a computer system which measures the straight line distance using Ordnance Survey set point data. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by Ordnance Survey. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. A pupil's home is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence and not an address at which your child might sometimes stay or sleep due to parents' own domestic arrangements. If parents live separately but share responsibility for a child, and that child lives at two separate addresses during the week, the school will regard the home address as the one at which the child sleeps for the majority of the week. The address must be the pupil's home address on the day that an application for admission was completed and which is either owned by the child's parents or guardian **OR** leased to or rented by the child's parent(s) or guardian under a lease or written rental agreement. Random allocation (names out of a hat) will be used as a tie breaker to decide who has the highest priority for admission in the event that the distance between two children's homes and the school is the same.