

Kingfisher CE Academy admission arrangements for 2022

Introductory Statement

Kingfisher CE Academy is a 4-11 Academy with a faith designation and a Christian religious ethos that is both distinctive and inclusive. Distinctive in the sense that all decisions about the nature and purpose of the Academy are taken through the lens of Christian values, inclusive in the sense that all students and staff are equally valued for their uniqueness in the eyes of God and their belonging to the school community.

Admission Number(s)

The school has a published admission number (PAN) of **30** for entry in year Reception for 2022.

The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applications are received than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year group are received, the Local Authority will offer places at Kingfisher CE Academy to all that have applied on behalf of the school.

Application process

The local authority will process applications outside the normal local authority procedures for co-ordination of school admission offers. This means you will need to complete the LA common online application form and list Kingfisher CE Academy amongst the choices available.

Applications for Kingfisher CE Academy should be returned to the Local Authority in which the child resides via the on-line admissions portal.

If the child resides in the Swindon Local Authority area please apply on line at:
https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/427/primary_school_places_and_admissions

Or obtain and return a paper copy application to
School Admissions, Swindon Borough Council, Wat Tyler House, Beckhampton Street,
Swindon, SN1 2JH

The closing date for applications is **15/01/2022**.

Offers will be made on **19/04/2022**.

Note: Applications for places at Kingfisher CE Academy should be made to the Local Authority in which the pupil's principal residence is located and will then be sent on to

Swindon Borough Council Local Authority admissions team in accordance with the National admissions procedures.

Oversubscription Criteria

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. 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, or special guardianship order⁹¹ 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. 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).
2. Priority will next be given to the siblings of pupils attending the school at the time the application is received for Reception applications. Where an older sibling is in year 6 siblings will not be prioritised under this criterion.
3. Priority will next be given for 25% of PAN to children who are practising members of Christian faith, i.e., who have attended worship at a Christian church at least once a month for a minimum of two years prior to the date of application. (See Section below on Christian faith).
4. Priority will next be given to children living closest to the school. In all cases where schools are oversubscribed, distance is a straight line between the local land and Property Gazetteer (LLP) address point of the applicant's home address and of the school within each oversubscription criteria. If the direct distance measurement does not separate applicants, places will be offered by random allocation.
5. Other Children

Christian Faith

This will be established by completing a Supplementary Information Form along with the application form. The following applies for Church-based places in 2022: Supplementary

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Information Form along with the application form. The following applies for Church-based places in 2021:

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship, the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

Tie-break

If in categories 2-5 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, random allocation undertaken by the local authority or another body unconnected with the Academy Trust will be used as a tie-break to decide who will be admitted.

Random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place. We will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules and exceed our PAN.

Late applications

All applications received by the Local Authority after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time. If, following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

Deferred entry for infants

Parents offered a place in reception for their child have a right to defer the date their child is admitted, or to take the place up part-time, until the child reaches compulsory school age. Places cannot be deferred beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made.

Children reach compulsory school age on the prescribed day following their 5th birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 August, 31 December and 31 March.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested.

When such a request is made, the academy trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

In Year Applications

Kingfisher CE Academy is part of the Swindon Borough Council 'In Year' coordinated school admissions scheme. Any available places remaining after initial offers, will be allocated during the school year by Swindon BC. Applications for remaining places can be made at any time and must be made through Swindon Borough Council's website.

Waiting lists

The school will operate a waiting list for each year group. Where the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until 31 December 2022. This will be maintained by Swindon Borough Council and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant, they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code. Once you have received the link to the online appeal form, you should complete it within 20 days of your refusal letter by setting out the reasons for your appeal, including any supporting documents. Additional supporting documents may be submitted at a later date, providing they are received at least 6 working days before the date of your Appeal Hearing.

For further information on the appeal process, email: admissionappeals@swindon.gov.uk

Notes:

Home address:

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school.

If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with

the doctor. If the residence is not split equally between both parents, then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

Sibling:

‘Sibling’ means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a step brother or sister or other child living in the same household as part of the same family who, in any of these cases, will be living at the same address at the date of their application for a place.

Establishing Faith:

‘Faith’ will be established by a Supplementary Information Form.

If fewer than 25% of PAN meet the faith criteria, every faith applicant will be admitted, and additional places allocated without reference to faith.

Christian church

‘Christian church’ means either an Anglican Church or another church or ecclesial community which confesses the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God’s will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves: to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world.

An ecclesial community which on principle has no credal statements in its tradition, is included if it manifests faith in Christ as witnessed to in the Scriptures and is committed to working in the spirit of the above.

All members of Churches Together in England and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland are deemed to be included in the above definition, as are all other churches and ecclesial communities that are in membership of any local Churches Together Group (by whatever title) on the above basis.

School Admissions Supplementary Information Form

This application form should be used if you wish to apply for a place related to Faith.

The supplementary information should be sent with your application and should be returned to https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/427/primary_school_places_and_admissions

You will receive an acknowledgement that we have received your postal form if you enclose a stamped addressed postcard or envelope.

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Parent or Carer Details			
Forename		Surname	
Relationship to the child			
Home Address			
Telephone number (Home)		Telephone (Mobile or Work)	
Email address			

Child's Details						
Legal Forename(s)				Legal Surname		
Date of Birth	D	D	M	M	Y	Y
Current Home Address						

Faith

If your child regularly worships at a Christian Church, please complete this section. 'Christian church' means either an Anglican Church or another church or ecclesial community which confesses the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves: to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world.

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Does your child regularly worship in an Anglican Church or any other Christian Church?	Yes/No
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If yes, please enter the name and address of the Church:

Please ask the Religious leader of your place of worship to complete the section below

Religious leader's recommendation

To the best of my knowledge the above child attends religious services at the Church named above.

Has the child attended worship at least once a month for a minimum of two years prior to the date of application? In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship, the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship	Yes/No
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Please enter the name and address of the Church:

Signed (religious leader)	Date
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Name (printed)	Position
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Declaration

I state, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the information I have given is correct and complete and I will advise the Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust in writing of any changes to the information on this form. I understand that the provision of incorrect information could lead to the withdrawal of an offer of a school place.

Signed (parent/carer)	Date
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