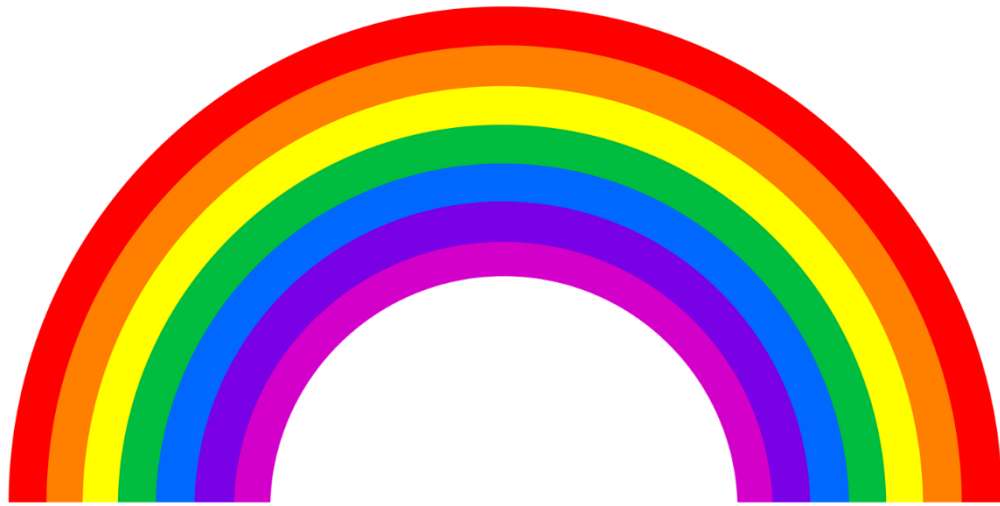


CHRIST CHURCH NEW MALDEN



RAINBOW NURSERY

Applying for a place in Rainbow Nursery for
September 2024



I am delighted to be able to welcome you to our school at this exciting time in our school life. We are a thriving school with a warm Christian ethos, a welcoming and active parent community and a rich and broad curriculum, which we are developing further

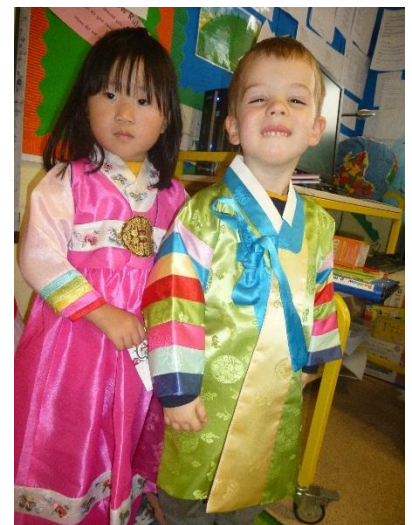


all the time. We are committed to children experiencing memorable learning in a safe and nurturing community. We set high expectations in all aspects of school life, and we enable our pupils to become confident and motivated learners. We have two lovely school sites with spaces for indoor learning and outdoor play and exploration. As the children journey up through the school, they experience a real 'family feel' in the school through our 'Christ Church Chums' scheme, which fosters relationships between younger and older year groups.

We hope that you find all the information that you will need in this pack to help you apply for a nursery place in our school. If you do need any more information, please contact the school office, where a member of staff will be pleased to help you.



At Christ Church we welcome and encourage your active interest and participation in your child's education and the life of the school.



We believe that working together with you provides the best support for your child, in our mission to “become the people

God made us to be”.

We look forward to an effective partnership with you and a rich and rewarding start to your child's education.

Neil Meehan

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our overall aim is to support your child's learning in a caring, Christian environment, where achieving every child's potential is the focus of our teaching. We express this aim through the following motto and statement:

BECOMING THE PEOPLE GOD MADE US TO BE



CREATIVE PEOPLE

LIVING IN **C**OMMUNITY

NURTURING EACH OTHER

AND **M**AXIMISING OUR POTENTIAL





ABOUT US

Christ Church is a Church of England Primary School within the borough of Kingston. We admit 60 children each year into Reception (two classes) and have 26 places in the morning nursery and 26 in the afternoon, with about half of the children staying all day.

We are a split site school. The Nursery and Infants are located on Lime Grove and at Easter 2014 the Juniors moved into a brand new building in Elm Road. This means that each site feels intimate and caring and yet we also benefit from a large staff with a wide range of expertise. Together our two departments provide a rich, creative and challenging primary curriculum which is tailor-made to the different ages of our children.


We have very close links with our church, Christ Church and we are delighted to receive weekly visits from the clergy who lead collective worship on both sites. There is also a rich programme of services to mark special times in the lives of the children and of the church year.

KEY INFORMATION ABOUT OUR NURSERY

We are delighted to be able to welcome children into our nursery, to give them rich, exciting learning experiences which help them develop as individuals and also to relate to others. They will be acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through playing and exploring, being active and using their creativity and thinking skills both indoors and outdoors. It also makes a lovely foundation to their time in the Infants if they stay on with us.

Our outdoor area includes a mud kitchen, all weather surface and different textures, which enables us to provide a wide range of play activities.

[Part-time or Full- time?](#)



We can offer both part-time and full-time places. If your child will be 3 years old on or before 31st August 2023, then they can join the nursery in September 2023. We have a teacher, a teaching assistant and at times other adults in order to ensure that there is a good adult-child ratio.

- Morning session: 8.35am - 11.35am
- Afternoon session 12.05pm - 3.05pm
- Full-time session 8.35am – 3.05pm (Parents would need to pay for lunch club, see below)

We also offer a lunch club which is supervised at a cost of £6.00 per day. It runs from 11:35am to 12:05pm which children can attend with a packed lunch, to provide a little more flexibility around the timing of the nursery hours.

Three to Four year olds are funded for 15 hours a week at nursery and so may apply for the morning nursery or the afternoon nursery. (However, we do find that the morning tends to be oversubscribed and it may not prove possible to meet people's first preference).


Where both parents or a single parent are working, usually over 16 hours a week, your child may be eligible to receive funding for 30 hours a week at nursery and you can apply for a full-time place. Check www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for details.

Parents are also welcome to pay for a place if they are not eligible.

OUR ADMISSION CRITERIA

We wish to ensure fairness for all parents and in order to do this we have a set of ranked criteria. If there are more applicants than places, priority will be given in the following order:

1. Looked After Children or previously looked after children, i.e. children who are in the care of a local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions as defined by Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 at the time of making an application to the school. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after immediately



prior to being adopted, or who became subject to a residence order, (now termed child arrangement order under the Children & Families Act 2014), or special guardianship order. The Governors will require written confirmation that the child is looked after, or previously looked after, and will be so at the time of making an application to the School.

2.Children with exceptional social/or medical needs. Written supporting evidence should be supplied at the time of application from a relevant professional e.g. specialist health professional, social worker etc. The evidence must show why Christ Church is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child has to attend another school.

3. Places will be offered to children of staff who have been employed by the School for at least two years prior to application, or to fill a post for which there was a demonstrable skills shortage.


4.Children who will have a brother or sister, (including an adopted, foster, half - or step- brother or sister), living at the same address and attending Christ Church New Malden C of E Primary School at the time of admission.

5.a) Children whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or family member e.g. grandparents or aunts and uncles, accompanying the child, worships at Christ Church or St. John's New Malden, at least twice a month and has done so for a period of two years** at the time of application.

b) Children whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or family member e.g. grandparents or aunts and uncles, accompanying the child, worships at another church belonging to Churches Together in New Malden (as at 1st November 2018)* at least twice a month and has done so for a period of two years** at the time of application.

c) Children whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or family member e.g. grandparents or aunts and uncles, accompanying the child, worships at another Trinitarian Christian Church (including non English language churches) at least twice a month and has done so for a period of two years** at the time of application and who live within 2 kilometres of the school.

The total number of places allocated under category 5 will be 15 and will be applied in subcategory order (a,b,c).However, if the fifteenth applicant is the first of siblings



(including adopted) applying for the same admissions year then the number will be increased accordingly to include all same school year siblings. Any children beyond the maximum number in category 5 will be automatically transferred to category 6.

* These Churches are New Malden Baptist Church, New Malden Methodist Church, St. James's, St Joseph's and New Malden United Reformed Church.

**For category 5, if the parent/legal guardian/family member accompanying the child has been attending for less than two years, because they have lived in New Malden for less than two years, but previously attended another Trinitarian church or a non-English speaking church, then a form from the previous Church is also required so that the full two year period is covered.

Written evidence of the applicant's commitment to their place of worship will be needed. The School provides the appropriate supplementary information form for completion by parents and the clergy/minister. The form may be downloaded from the School website or collected from reception. This form must accompany any application for a place where church criteria are being used; if no supplementary information form is received before the application deadline the application cannot be considered under the church criteria and will default to category 6.

Variant: 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.


6. Children who live nearest to the school (see 'Distance').

Tiebreaker

The distance from home to school, criterion 6, is used as a 'tiebreaker' if there are more applications than places available under any of the oversubscription criteria. For applicants from the same block of flats, or who live at the same distance, random allocation by the drawing of lots will be used as a final tiebreaker, supervised by someone independent of the school.

Distance

Distance is measured by a straight line from the applicant's home address to the main entrance of the Lime Grove site or the main entrance of the Elm Road site



(whichever is closer). All distances will be measured using the School Admissions' computerised Geographical Information System.

Please note the criteria for application to nursery and for the main school are slightly different. Parents/carers will need to complete a separate application in order to apply for a space for their child in Reception.

To see the full version of our Admissions Policy please go to our website www.ccnm.uk.

HOW TO APPLY

Enclosed with this booklet, you will find a copy of our application form. Please complete this and return it to the school office by Friday, 3rd March 2023.

You will also find a pink supplementary form which can be used by any family who wish to be considered under the criteria which relate to regular attendance at worship at a local church over the last two years. If this may apply to you, please give the form to your church minister who will complete it and return it to the school on your behalf.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

To find out more about our school and to see information about current events and plans, do visit our website at www.ccnm.uk. You are also most welcome to come on a tour of both sites and to hear from the children themselves about their experiences. Do ring the office to arrange an appointment on 020 8336 7800.