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*An Academy in The Good Shepherd Trust*

### Admission Policy – 2025-2026

Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School operates within a caring Christian environment in order to provide a secure, happy, and stimulating teaching and learning environment. This does not affect the right of parents who are not of the faith of this school to apply for and be considered for a place here. Our school welcomes applications from families of other faiths and of no faith.

As an academy in **The Good Shepherd Trust**, the Trust is the Admission Authority for the school and has agreed with the Local Authority (LA) a Published Admission Number (PAN) of **30** children at the age of 4+ and a PAN of **10** children at the age of 7+. Any child with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school will be admitted. Where possible such children will be admitted within the PAN. The Trust has determined the following over-subscription criteria in consultation with the Diocese of Guildford, which will be strictly applied in the order shown below as soon as the number of applications exceeds either PAN.

#### Over-Subscription Criteria

- 1. Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children, including those who appear (to the Admission Authority) to have been in state care outside England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (see note 1)**
- 2. Exceptional medical or social circumstances (see note 2)**
- 3. Children who have a sibling (see definitions) who is expected to still be on roll at the time of admission.**
- 4. Children who have at least one parent who worships regularly at a Christian Church (see note 4).**
- 5. Children who live in the named ecclesiastical parishes (see note 3).**
- 6. Any other children whose parents wish them to attend Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School.**

#### Application Process for September 2025

Applications from Surrey residents for Reception or Year 3 in September 2025 must be made in accordance with Surrey County Council's (SCC) coordinated admissions scheme. They should be completed on-line via the SCC website [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) or if a paper copy is required, please contact SCC on 0300 200 1004. Completed forms must be returned directly to the LA **by 15th January 2025**.



## **For Admission to Reception only**

Children start school in September following their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. However, parents may defer entry to the beginning of the term after their child's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, but not beyond the beginning of the summer term in the academic year for which the application is made. A child may also attend part-time until statutory school age is reached. Parents who contact the school will be encouraged to visit and meet staff and see children at work. In the autumn term of the year before their child is due to start, parents will be invited to attend our Open Morning and find out more about the school.

Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School serves the rural parish communities of Abinger, Coldharbour, Holmbury St Mary, Wotton and Westcott.

## **Summer Born Children/Out of Chronological Age Education**

For children born between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> August, parents may decide to delay admission to school until the term *after* their child turns 5, i.e. when statutory school age is reached. In such a scenario a child would normally start school the following year in Year 1, missing out on Reception. However, a parent may request that their child is admitted to Reception instead, meaning that the child would be educated outside their chronological year group. Applications outside the normal age group can be made to other year groups at the school. If parents wish to apply for their child to be placed within a different year group, they should discuss their wishes with the Headteacher, stating clearly why they feel admission to a different year group would be appropriate, including any supporting documentary evidence if they wish. The local committee will then make a decision as to which year group the child should enter in the following year, based on the particular circumstances of the case and in the best interests of each child. The Headteacher's views will be taken into account and reasons for the decision shared in writing with parents. However, please note that the school cannot 'reserve' a place either in Reception or Year 1 for the following year, when a new application must be made. For further information and other out of correct year group requests, please see [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions)

## **Notes**

- 1) **Looked After and previously Looked After Children, including those who appear (to the Admission Authority) to have been in state care outside England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted** - children who are in the care of the LA or provided with accommodation by a LA in accordance with S.22 of the Children Act 1989; or children who were in the care of the LA or provided with accommodation by a LA and who left that care through adoption, Child Arrangement Order or Special Guardianship Order. Official confirmation of the child's status must be submitted at the time of application.
- 2) **Exceptional Medical or Social Circumstances** – a child who has a serious medical condition or if there are sensitive family circumstances which make it *essential* that the child attends Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School rather than any other. Appropriate documentary evidence from a Consultant Doctor (a letter from a General Practitioner alone will not suffice) or from the relevant support services must be submitted at the time of application, making clear why attendance at this school is essential. The local committee will assess such evidence and make a decision on each individual case.



**N.B.** All schools are expected to support children with more common medical conditions such as asthma, nut allergies and stress-related symptoms.

- 3) **Named Ecclesiastical Parishes** - Westcott and the United Benefice of Abinger with Coldharbour, Wotton and Holmbury St Mary. Parish boundary maps are available at the school offices and on the <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/> website.
- 4) **Applications on Church Attendance Grounds** - regular worship means that at least one parent worships at a Christian church a minimum of twice per month over a minimum period of one year immediately preceding the date of application. The parish minister or other appropriate church leader must endorse the SIF where there is no minister.

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.

### **Definitions**

**Sibling** – brother/sister, half-brother/sister, step-brother/sister, adoptive brother/sister or foster children, all living as part of the same family unit at the same address.

**Parent** - a natural, adoptive, step or foster parent or other legal guardian.

**Home Address** – the child’s permanent address or where the child lives for the majority of the school week. The address used for the initial allocation of places will be the child’s address at the closing date for applications.

**Tie Breaker** - if the school is over-subscribed within any criterion, places will be allocated to the child living closest to the school. This is measured using Surrey’s Geographical Information System (GIS) in a straight-line distance from the address point of the child’s home as set by Ordnance Survey, to the nearest school gate available for pupils to use. Where there are two or more applicants who live equidistant from the school, or multiple addresses with the same address point, priority will be decided by an independently supervised lottery.

**Multiple Births** - if the final place is offered to such a child, the school will admit any other consecutively ranked siblings from the same multiple birth, even though this may exceed the PAN. However, no further children will be admitted until the number drops below PAN.

**Waiting List** - if there are more applicants than places, the school will hold a Waiting List (WL), which will be ranked strictly in accordance with the over-subscription criteria, taking no account of the date that a child’s name was added to it. The WL will be maintained until the last day of the academic year, after which an in-year application should be completed if parents still wish their child to be considered for a place.

**In-Year Applications** – in-year applications are dealt with by the LA - please contact the school if you require further information.

**Late Applications** – these will be considered in accordance with the LA’s co-ordinated admissions scheme.



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**Right to Appeal** – if your application is unsuccessful, you have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel. Details are available from the school or by contacting SCC on 020 8541 8092.

**All Applicants to Note** – *The Trust reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a place if an application has been made which is fraudulent or intentionally misleading and which has effectively denied a place to another child*

