

Applying to Chelsea Academy



ALL parents wishing to apply for a place at Chelsea Academy for their child must complete the Common Application Form (CAF), available from their local authority, and return it to their local authority.

In addition, those parents wishing to apply for a Foundation (Church) Place and/ or a Musical Aptitude Place for their child must complete and return the appropriate supplementary application form to Chelsea Academy.

Applications must be returned by Friday 21 October 2011

The Academy's Admissions Policy is available on our website: www.chelsea-academy.org

Oversubscription Criteria

A summary is given below of how places will be allocated if there are more applicants than places available. The Admissions Policy gives full details.

Criteria for admissions where Chelsea Academy is oversubscribed

After the admission of children with statements of SEN, places will be allocated to applicants in the following priority order:

1. Young people who are in public care.
2. Young people whom the Governors and Principal accept have an exceptional medical, social or educational need for a place at Chelsea Academy. Applications will only be considered under this category if they are supported by a written statement from a medical consultant, senior social worker or other appropriate professional. In each case there must be a clear connection between the child's need and Chelsea Academy, and an explanation of the difficulties which would be caused if the child were to attend another school.
3. Up to 10% of students will be admitted on the basis of aptitude in Music.

Admission under 1) to 3) will be considered irrespective of any religious affiliation.

50% of the remaining places per year will be Foundation Places (Church) and 50% Community Places (Open), with any vacant places being taken up by oversubscription from the other category. In the event that either or both of the Foundation and Community place categories are over-subscribed, then the remaining places will be allocated using the over-subscription criteria and procedures outlined below.

Foundation Applicants

Applicants eligible for Foundation Places will be allocated places in the following order of preference:

1. Children who regularly attend¹ one of the Church of England churches in the Deaneries of Kensington and Chelsea and who attend a Church of England Primary School in the Deaneries.
2. Children who regularly attend¹ other Christian Churches or chapels² and who attend a Church of England Primary School in the Deaneries.
3. Children who regularly attend¹ one of the Church of England churches in the Deaneries of Kensington and Chelsea, or other Christian Churches or chapels² in the Deanery area.
4. Other children who attend a Church of England Primary School in the Deaneries of Kensington and Chelsea.

If any of the above categories are over-subscribed, random allocation will be used as a tie-break. Those not offered foundation places will be considered against the criteria for community places and vice versa.

Community Applicants

Places will be offered in the following order of priority:

1. To applicants who on the closing date for applications attend a primary school in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea which is not a Church of England primary school.
2. To other applicants who attend a primary school in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.
3. To brothers and sisters of children on the roll of the Academy at the time of admission.
4. To other applicants that do not attend a primary school in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

If any of the above categories are over-subscribed places will be offered to children who live nearest the school. Distance to Chelsea Academy will be calculated using a straight line measurement from the child's home to the Academy.

¹ Regular attendance at church must have been for at least one year, on at least two occasions per month. A Vicar's / Minister's letter will be required. The only exception will be those families who have moved into the area within the previous year and can provide a Vicar's / Minister's letter to confirm that they attended a church regularly in the place where they used to live.

² "Christian Churches or chapels" refers to those churches that are members of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland or are members of the Evangelical Alliance or Afro-Caribbean Evangelical Alliance.