

FOR ADMISSIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 2022

The Governors aim to offer a high quality education based on Christian principles for all children at the College. We recognise our responsibility to children of Christian families, to those from Church schools and to children in the local community.

To achieve these aims, the Governors designate 50% of the places available at the College as Foundation Places and 50% as Community Places. If there are fewer qualified applicants for Foundation Places than the places available, any unfilled Foundation Places will become additional Community Places. Parents applying for Community Places should appreciate that the Governors hope that all pupils will attend religious education lessons and take part in Christian worship at the College. Governors reserve the right to determine the category under which an application is considered.

To apply for a place, please visit <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/>. For admissions enquiries, please contact the College directly.

In order for a child to be considered for a Foundation Place at the College, parents should, in addition to the Local Authority application form, complete the College's Foundation Reference Form. This can be obtained from, and must be returned to, the College. If that form is not returned, the Governors will assume the application is for a Community Place and process it accordingly.

In the event of oversubscription, the Governors will allocate places using the following criteria which are listed in order of priority:

Foundation Places (104 places)	Community Places (104 places)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children Looked After and previously Children Looked After who are eligible under any of the Foundation criteria below. 2. Children who are eligible under any of the Foundation criteria below and who have a strong medical or other special reason for attending this college. 3. Children of any member of staff who has been employed at the college for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the college is made and who are eligible under any of the Foundation criteria below. (Please see footnote 5.) 4. Children who are eligible under any of the Foundation criteria below and who have a brother or sister attending the College at the time of admission. 5. Children who are, or whose parents are, regular worshippers at an Anglican church. 6. Children who are, or whose parents are, regular worshippers at another Christian church. 7. Children who are, or whose parents are, regular worshippers at a place of worship of another major world faith which is a member body of the UK Inter-Faith Network. 8. Children from named feeder schools. (Please see footnote 10). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children Looked After and previously Children Looked After. 2. Children who have a strong medical or other special reason for attending this College. 3. Children of any member of staff who has been employed at the college for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the college is made. (Please see footnote 5.) 4. Children who are eligible under any of the Community criteria below and who have a brother or sister attending the College at the time of admission. 5. Children living within the Eastbourne Borough ward of Sovereign and to the east of Lottbridge Drove in the Borough ward of St. Anthony's. 6. Children living outside the area identified in category 5 above.

In the event of oversubscription within any category, place allocation will be decided by prioritising applications on the basis of home to college distance measured in a straight line (as the crow flies). Distances will be measured from the child's home address to the nearest gate used by the children at the College. Distances will be measured using the Local Authority's software.

Parents who are not offered a place for their children have a statutory right of appeal to an independent admission appeal panel. Full details about these procedures will be sent to parents when they are notified that a place has not been offered.

These arrangements follow consultation between the Governing Body, the Diocesan Board of Education, local schools, relevant parents and other groups and East Sussex County Council.

Please note:

1. Those applying for a Foundation Place (F1-7) should submit a Foundation Reference Form to the College. It is not necessary to complete a Foundation Reference Form when applying under the F8 category. The Foundation Reference Form must be completed by your priest, minister or religious leader confirming that you or your child have attended a public service of worship at least once a month during the last 12 months. In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church [or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] 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 in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] or alternative premises have been available for public worship.
2. Where parents feel there is a medical or other special reason for attending the College verification such as a medical, education welfare officer's or social worker's report will be required at the time of application. To be given priority for admission on this basis, the Governors would have to be satisfied that the child's needs could only be met at St Catherine's College.
3. The terms 'children' and 'brother and sister' refer to all children for whom the applicant has parental responsibility and who are resident at the same address. The term 'parent' includes a legal guardian.
4. The term 'Christian church' refers to a church that is, or is eligible to be, a full member of Churches Together in Britain & Ireland or of The Evangelical Alliance.
5. 'Staff' is defined as anyone who is directly contracted by St Catherine's College.
6. A map of the boundaries for the College Community Area can be viewed at the College.
7. A waiting list is operated in the order of oversubscription criteria.
8. Late applications will only be considered once all other applications have been processed.
9. Any offer of a place based on distance from the College depends on the child living at the address provided on the closing date for applications. A business address, a child minder's address or any other address other than the child's home will not be accepted. Proof of address may be required at the time of accepting a place. An offer based on a false address or any other false information will be withdrawn.

10. Named feeder schools are Pevensey and Westham CE Primary School; St. John's Meads CE Primary School; The Haven VA CE Methodist Primary School; Tollgate Community Junior School. These schools are named feeder schools (Church or Church Partnership Schools) so that parents can express a preference to continue their child's faith-based education.