



The Archbishop's School

St. Stephen's Hill,
Canterbury,
Kent.
CT2 7AP

ADMISSION CRITERIA 2013

Applications are welcomed from all those who share, support and uphold our ethos and principles.

Oversubscription Criteria

Throughout these criteria, the following definitions apply.

Sibling means children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers and sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers or sisters.

Distance from the pupil's home to the school is measured between the pupil's permanent address and the school measured in a straight line using Ordnance Survey address point data. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by Ordnance Survey. The same point on the school site is used for everybody.

If the number of preferences for the school is more than the number of places available, places will be allocated in the following priority order.

Category A places will be offered first, followed by the reserved places. All other places will be offered according to the criteria B – G.

- a) Highest priority will be given to children in Local Authority Care, that is, a child under the age of 18 years for whom the local authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or who is subject of a care order under part IV of the Act. This applies equally to children who immediately after being looked after by the local authority became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. (As defined by Section 46 of the Adoption of Children Act 2002 or Section 8 or 14A of the Children Act 1989)
- b) Children from Anglican families, or churches belonging to Churches Together in England and Wales, at the heart of the church. The definition of this is one or both parents or carers and/or the child worshipping regularly at a church (by which is meant at least three times per month on average) and who have done so for at least **three** years up to the time of application. If applications which meet these criteria exceed the number that can be offered, applicants with a sibling at the school will be ranked above those without a sibling at the school and then within each group (those with a sibling and those without a sibling at the school) applicants will be ranked by distance from home to the school.

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- d) Children from Anglican families, or churches belonging to Churches Together in England and Wales, attached to the church. The definition of this is one or both parents or carers and/or the child worshipping at a church at least once per month on average and who have done so for at least **three** years up to the time of application. If applications which meet these criteria exceed the number that can be offered, applicants with a sibling at the school will be ranked above those without a sibling at the school and then within each group (those with a sibling and those without a sibling at the school) applicants will be ranked by distance from home to the school.
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- f) Children from Anglican families, or churches belonging to Churches Together in England and Wales, who are known to the church. The definition of this is one or both parents or carers and/ or the child worshipping at a church on an occasional basis, less frequently than once per month, but at least three times per year and who have done so for at least **three** years up to the time of application. If applications which meet these criteria exceed the number that can be offered, applicants with a sibling at the school will be ranked above those without a sibling at the school and then within each group (those with a sibling and those without a sibling at the school) applicants will be ranked by distance from home to the school.
- g) Any remaining places will be offered to those who have not fulfilled one of the above criteria will be offered taking account of the distance of the pupil's home from home to the school.

Reserved places

Academic ability and aptitude. Up to 21 places will be offered bases on general academic ability or aptitude as measured by a competitive entrance test. The places will be allocated to the highest performing students in this test.

Children from non-Christian backgrounds. Up to 5 offers will be made for children from non-Christian faith backgrounds who wish their child to benefit from a Church of England education. To be considered for one of these places they will require a reference from their local religious leader stating that they are observant members of their faith and that they worship publically with their faith on a regular basis according to the norms and customs of that faith. If more than 5 applications are received, those with siblings at the school will be given priority, with both groups (those with siblings and those without) ranked by distance from the pupil's home to the school.