



School Admission Arrangements for

1. Introduction

The Priory Learning Trust is a Multi-Academy Trust of primary and secondary schools.

The Priory Learning Trust grew from a passion to bring the power of partnership and sharing to bear and provide a first-class education to a wide range of children, of all abilities and social class groupings, in Somerset and North Somerset.

We believe that this approach will create happy, confident, and high-achieving students. This truly collaborative approach will also develop great staff relationships and improve staff wellbeing. It promotes healthy competition.

The Priory Learning Trust will:

- Support the aspirations of young people and their ambitions for their future success.

- Contribute to producing aspirational, well-rounded, confident and active citizens.

- Offer a broad range of qualifications.

2. Oversubscription criteria and published admissions number

School	Age range	Year of intake	Admissions number
Berrow Primary Church Academy	2-11	Reception	30
East Huntspill Primary Academy	2-11	Reception	15
Pawlett Primary School Academy	4-11	Reception	15
The King Alfred School Academy	11-18	Year 7	250
West Huntspill Primary Academy	2-11	Reception	15

Where a school is named in a child's Education, Health and Care Plan, the Admission Authority for the school is legally required to admit the child to the school. Such children will therefore be allocated places at the named school before the oversubscription criteria is applied.

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1. Children Looked After and Children Previously Looked After -

3. Children living in the catchment area, with a sibling at the school at the time of admission, and who live at the same address
4. Children living in the rural catchment area (see important note 4)
5. Children living in the catchment area
6. Children living outside the catchment area, with a sibling at the school at the time of admission, and who live at the same address
7. Children not satisfying a higher criterion

Within each criterion, priority will be given to children living closest to the school measured in a straight line.

The King Alfred School Academy

1. Children Looked After and Children Previously Looked After - Children who are currently in the care of a Local Authority or have previously been and are now formally adopted or subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order. Previously looked after children also includes children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (see important note 1)
2. Children of The Priory Learning Trust staff and whose home school is The King Alfred School Academy, employed on a permanent contract by the Trust for at least two years at the time of application, or where the member of staff has been recruited to fill a post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. This does not include staff who work on the school site for other employers (see important note 3)
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3. Starting at a primary, infant, junior or secondary school

The following information should be read in conjunction with the 2025-26 Coordinated Admission Scheme published by the Local Authority in the area which the child lives (the home Local Authority).

Applications must be submitted to the home LA. If this is Somerset, applications can be made on-line at www.somerset.gov.uk/admission. Paper applications are available to download from the Somerset County Council website at www.somerset.gov.uk/admission, or upon request by telephoning Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224.

Applications must be received by:

Primary, Infant and Junior schools: **15 January 2025**

Secondary schools: **31 October 2024**

Otherwise, the application will be recorded as late. Late applications will be considered

Where there are more applications than places available within a particular year group, applications will be considered against the published oversubscription criteria and allocated up to the admission number/limit.

Places will not be allocated more than six school weeks or half a term in advance of being required. The only exceptions are children of UK service personnel and other crown servants (including Diplomats) returning to the UK with a confirmed posting to the area (see Children of UK service personnel).

5. General Information

Tie-break

If in any of the categories of the over-subscription criteria for any school a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the school will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured in a straight line by a Geographical information System (GIS) method from the geocoded point of the school site to the geocoded point of the pupil's home.

When the furthest distance to qualify for a place relates to a household containing two or more children living at the same address for the majority of the time, for whom applications are made (e.g. twins), the place will be offered to one child, which will be determined by drawing lots, unless the admission authority agrees to admit the subsequent child(ren). If the subsequent child(ren) from a multiple birth (e.g. twin,

Full-time schooling - Reception applications only

Parents have a right to a full-time place at school for their child from the September following their fourth birthday.

Summer Born Children - Reception applications only

Parents of summer born children may request that they are admitted into reception rather than year one when they become of compulsory school age. Applications will be considered as set out below (see admission of children outside their normal age group).

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted to a year group outside their normal age range, for instance where the child is gifted or talented or where a child has suffered from particular social or medical issues impacting his or her schooling.

When such a request is made, the LA will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the Headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent. If a request is refused, the child will still be considered for admission to their normal age group.

The parent is required to make an on-time application for the child's normal age group (if relevant) but can submit a request for admission out of the normal age group at the same time. The LA will ensure the parent is aware of whether the request for admission out of age group has been agreed before National Offer Day and the reason for any refusal.

Requests for admission out of the normal year group will be considered alongside other applications made at the same time. For example, an application from a child who would 'normally' be a year 8 child for a year 7 place will be considered alongside applications for year 7 or an application from a child who would 'normally' be a year 1 child for a reception place will be considered alongside applications for reception.

If a request for delayed admission is agreed, the school place application may be withdrawn before a place is offered and a new school place application will need to be made as part of the normal admissions round the following year.

If a request for a child to be admitted or to transfer school a year early is agreed, the school place application will be processed and an outcome will be sent on the National Offer Day.

If a request for delayed admission for a child transferring school is refused, the school place application will be processed and an outcome will be sent on the National Offer Day.

If a request for delayed admission for a starting school child is refused, the parent must decide whether to accept the offer of a school place for the normal age group, or

to refuse it and make an in year application for admission to year 1 for the September following the child's fifth birthday.

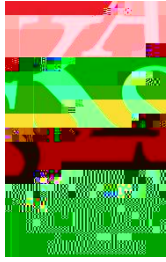
If a request for a child to transfer or be admitted to school a year early is refused, the school place application will not be processed and a new school place application will need to be made as part of the normal admissions round the following year.

There is no right of appeal against the decision not to allow your child to be admitted outside of their normal age group.

One admission authority cannot be required to honour a decision made by another admission authority on admission out of the normal age group. Parents, therefore, should consider whether to request admission out of the normal year group at all their preference schools, rather than just their first preference schools.

For further information and guidance please visit;

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/starting-school-early-or-late/>



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