



# Open Afternoon

Monday 6th November



# Welcome About St Peter's Admission Process Tour of School





## Vision

- ▶ Our vision is:-
  - ▶ to provide a happy, caring, stimulating environment where the unique abilities of our children are recognized.
  - ▶ where each and every child achieves, in partnership with parents, their full potential through excellent teaching and learning, knowing they are loved by God.





We aim that every child leaving St. Peter's is:

- Independent
- Resilient
- Eager to keep on learning
- An active and responsible member of the community



# Mission Statement

▶ “Live and learn as friends of Jesus”

▶ Live together in our school family where everyone cares for each other.

▶ Learn together in a happy, safe school where everyone achieves their best and we celebrate each other’s talents and successes.

▶ As friends .... say sorry, support and forgive each other.

▶ We help those in need and respect other people’s beliefs and culture.



# Our Aims

We aim to ensure that each child will succeed through:

- ▶ a broad and innovative curriculum
- ▶ a learning experience which is challenging and enjoyable
- ▶ an ethos of support and encouragement rewarding effort and achievement
- ▶ promoting equality of opportunity
- ▶ providing learning partnerships between school, home and the community



# Why St. Peter's ?

- ▶ Every child treated as an individual
- ▶ “Whole child” is important (social and emotional needs met)
- ▶ High achieving, Interested, eager, engaged children
- ▶ Great Wraparound Care
- ▶ Broad and balanced curriculum - learning is fun
- ▶ Fantastic pastoral care
- ▶ Excellent transition programme
- ▶ Strong school/parent partnership



► St. Peter's is like one big happy family that I am pleased to be a part of...

► The teachers at St. Peter's always continue to exceed my expectations...

► I am so happy I chose this school for my child"

Parents







# Admission Process

Buckinghamshire Council

# Key Message!

- ▶ Apply on time:

**By midnight on 15 January 2024**

**Do not leave this until the last minute**



# How to apply for a school place?

- ▶ If you live in Buckinghamshire visit [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions) between 01 November 2023 and 15 January 2024 to make your application.
- ▶ If you live elsewhere you need to apply via your own Local Authority (council) website.
- ▶ All you need is an email address.

# Applying online is easy

- ▶ You can apply using a computer, iPad, laptop or smart phone.
- ▶ Make a note of which email account you have used and your password!
- ▶ Use an email address you know you can access even if not in work
- ▶ You will be reminded if an application has not been submitted.
- ▶ You can accept the place offered online.
- ▶ The deadline for applications is **midnight on 15 January 2024.**

# Making an application

When you apply you can:

- ▶ List up to 6 schools including out of county schools (do not include independent or special schools).

Consider:

- ▶ The order of your preferences carefully and put the schools in the order you really want them.
- ▶ Including local (catchment) schools that you have a good chance of being offered

## Think about

- Do you live in catchment? - check this on Buckinghamshire Councils website.
- Have you checked the admission rules for the school to see which rule applies to your child?
- If you have another child already at the school make sure you include that child's details on your application.
- If your child attends the school nursery you still need to apply for a school place.
- Some faith schools have a supplementary form - check with the school.
- Some schools have an exceptional 'medical or social needs' rule. If you think this applies to you let us know and send in your independent evidence.
- How will you get your child to school - transport is given to the nearest primary school if it is over 2 miles away and your child is under eight and 3 miles if your child is over eight.

## What happens in the autumn term?

- ▶ Look at the information on our website, you can use the 'Find My Child a School Place' tool to help find out about schools near to you.
- ▶ Visit the schools when they have an open events. Check the schools website for dates -**you might have to make an appointment to visit.**
- ▶ Apply online by the deadline of **midnight on 15 January 2024.** Do not miss this deadline [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

## What happens in the autumn term?

- ▶ You will need to send evidence to show where you live when you submit your online application.

### **If you are the council tax payer:**

- ▶ you will just need to provide your council tax reference number

### **If you are not the council tax payer:**

- ▶ you must send us an electricity bill (no more than 3 months old) which shows usage for the property where you and your child live. This can either be a scanned paper bill or a digital copy downloaded from your supplier.



## What happens in the spring term?

- ▶ Your home council tells you which school your child has been allocated.
- ▶ **Online** - you will receive an email on 16 April 2024 (after 11 am) with your child's allocation. You can log on to the online portal to accept the place from 2pm.
- ▶ **Paper** - letters will be posted on 16 April 2024 or offers will be emailed out to you if you have provided an email address.
- ▶ You have until 30 April 2024 to accept the place offered.

## What happens in the summer term?

- ▶ Late applications continue to be processed - the timeline is on our website.
- ▶ Parents can appeal for a place at their preferred school(s).
- ▶ Many children attend an introductory session at their allocated school. For most schools this is the first Tuesday in July and is known as Transition Day.

# National Primary Offer Day 16 April 2024

## **If you applied online:**

- ▶ Offer emails sent 16 April.
- ▶ You can log on and accept the school place.

## **If you applied using a paper application**

- ▶ Offer letters posted or emailed on 16 April.

## **All Applicants:**

- ▶ Automatically added to the waiting list for any higher preferences that could not be offered.
- ▶ You can register an appeal.
- ▶ You have 14 days to accept the offer.

## About Appeals

- ▶ You can appeal for any school you have been refused.
- ▶ Appeals are heard by a panel of three people.
- ▶ Panel members are independent and unpaid volunteers who have no connection to the school or the LA.
- ▶ If your appeal is to be heard under the Infant Class Size Legislation (ICS) the panel's powers are limited ( 5,6- and 7-year-olds must be taught in a class of no more than 30 children with one qualified teacher). Less than 3% of ICS appeals are successful.
- ▶ Your appeal is likely to be held remotely via Teams

# About Waiting lists

- ▶ We will **automatically** add the names of the children who have not been offered a place at their preferred school to the waiting list.
- ▶ If we are able to offer your child a place off the waiting list in subsequent admission rounds, we will do this, and automatically take away the place at the school we have already offered your child. That place will then be given to another child.
- ▶ We will do this right up until the start of term in September. **We will not ring you or ask you if that is what you want us to do. It is assumed that you will want a place at a school that you listed higher on your list of preferences.**
- ▶ It is **your responsibility** to let us know if you no longer want to stay on the waiting list for a school.

# Want More Information

- ▶ Visit our website at [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk) There is information on the website about last years allocation which you can use as a guide
- ▶ Contacting the Admissions Team  
[www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/contactadmissions](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/contactadmissions)

# Important things to remember!

- ▶ Apply by **midnight on 15 January 2024**.
- ▶ Use an email address that you will still be using in April and keep your user name and password somewhere safe!
- ▶ List the schools in your **true** preference order.
- ▶ Consider putting your catchment/local school down as one of your preferences.
- ▶ Be realistic with the schools you list.
- ▶ Visit the schools, ask questions and make your own decision rather than depend on other people.

# When does my child need to start School

▶ Legally your child does not have to start school until the term after their fifth birthday. This is called 'statutory' or 'compulsory' school age, and they must then go to school full time. It is possible to 'defer' your child starting until later in the school year.

▶ **Child with their fifth birthday between 1 September and 31 December**

You can ask for your child's place to be deferred until the beginning of the Spring Term (January 2025).

▶ **Child with their fifth birthday between 1 January and 31 March**

You can ask for your child's place to be deferred until the beginning of the Spring Term (January 2025) or the beginning of the Summer Term (April 2025).

▶ **Child with their fifth birthday between 1 April and 31 August**

You can ask for your child's place to be deferred until the beginning of the Spring Term (January 2025) or the beginning of the Summer Term (April 2025).

You can also legally defer the school place until September 2025 but the offer of a school place in Reception will be withdrawn and you will have to re-apply for a place in Year 1.



## Summer Born Children born between 1 April and 31 August

- ▶ If your child is summer born, you can apply for a place to start school as usual in September 2024 or you may decide you want to apply next year, to start school in September 2025 after your child's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- ▶ If you are considering delayed entry but are not sure you **should still submit an application** for a school place. You can always withdraw your application later.
- ▶ If the admission authority for the school agrees that your child should have a delayed start to Reception this does not mean that a place will be held for your child at the school until the following year. It means that you will be able to apply again for a place in Reception a year later.
- ▶ If you have decided that you want to request delayed entry you should read the information on our website 'Changing your child's year group'.



# TOUR OF THE SCHOOL