George Fentham Endowed School
Hampton in Arden

NURSERY ADMISSION CRITERIA for George Fentham Endowed School 2026/2027

This is a school with a strong Christian ethos, supported by the Church of England that sets out to serve the whole community. We welcome children from all sections of the community, including those whose families attend a Christian church alongside those of other faith communities or none.

The Nursery Admission Authority for this school is the school's Governing Board.

All applications for September admission must be made directly to George Fentham Endowed School by the relevant closing date. The application form for a place in our Nursery is available on our Admission page on the school website:
http://www.georgefenthamschool.co.uk

The school's Nursery admission number is 26. If admissions have to be restricted by the number of places available, the governors will admit children in the following order:

Priority 1 Applications in respect of children 'looked after' by a Local Authority (in line with section 22 of the Children Act) including children who were previously 'looked after children' but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order; this includes those 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.

Priority 2 Applications from within the catchment area; catchment areas can be viewed at www.solihull.gov.uk/onlinemaps .

Priority 3 Applications on the grounds of having a brother or sister on roll and attending the school at the time of the proposed admission (as defined in note 2 below);

Priority 4 All other applications.

Notes:

1. Children with an Education Health Care Plan that names George Fentham Endowed School will be offered a place first. This will reduce the number of places available.

2. Under Priority 3, a brother or sister must live at the same address and could be:

- a brother or sister sharing the same parents;
- a half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one parent; a stepbrother or stepsister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage or civil partnership;

- the separate children of a couple who live together; or

- an adopted or fostered brother or sister.

3. There is no guarantee of transfer from Nursery to Reception class.

4. If offering places within any one of the criteria would cause the schools admission number to be exceeded, then children living nearest will be offered first. Distances are measured using six figure grid references.

5. Waiting lists are produced in strict order of priority, against the over-subscription criteria and are managed by George Fentham Endowed School.

6. Applications received after the closing date are late and will not be processed until after the published offer day. Late applications will be considered when places are allocated from the waiting list. Changes to on-time applications received before the Governors' admissions meeting will be considered if possible. Changes after this will be processed with late applications.

7. A child's home address is the place where the child is permanently resident with his or her Parent(s). When a child lives between two addresses, the address used for offering a school place will be where the child lives for most of the school week (Monday to Friday). If care is split equally, the parents can choose which address will be used. In the event of a dispute between parents who each have parental responsibility, the matter may ultimately need to be resolved by the courts.

8. The Department for Education considers a 'parent' to include:

- All biological parents, whether they are married or not
- Any person who, although not a biological parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person - this could be an adoptive parent, a step-parent, guardian or other relative
- Any person who, although not a biological parent and does not have parental responsibility, has care of a child or young person

You care for a child if you are the person who they live with either full or part time, and are responsible for looking after them. You do not have to be a biological parent or have a legal relationship with a child to care for them.

9. Families have no right of appeal against the decision of the Governing Body to refuse their child a place in the Nursery.

Our admission arrangements are reviewed annually and this Policy was approved by the **Governing Board January 2025**