George Fentham Endowed School
Hampton in Arden

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

All applications for September admission must be made to the home Local Authority by the relevant closing date.
Solihull Admissions: https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/School-admissions

The school's admission number is 30. 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 by the Local Authority's computerised admissions system which uses six figure grid references and provides a unique point on each property. If two or more applications in the same priority have the same distance, but only one place can be offered, a computerised random allocation system will be used to decide
which applicant has the highest priority.

5. Waiting lists are produced in strict order of priority, against the over-subscription criteria and are managed by the Local Authority. Waiting lists are kept until the end of December. After this a Local Authority change of school application form will need to be completed.

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.

8. Applications for a school place, in Reception to Year 6 at any time other than the normal time for admission should be made to the Admissions Team at Solihull Council. The application will be processed by the Local Authority. If there is a vacancy in the relevant year

group a place will be offered. If the year group is full the Governing Board will apply the admission criteria to the application so that it can be placed on the waiting list.
https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/moving-schools-during-school-year

9. The Governing Board recognises its duty to comply with the Local Authority Fair Access Protocol to provide fair access to school for pupils who need a school place because they have missed, or are at risk of missing, education.

10. Parents who wish to appeal against the decision of the Governors to refuse their child a place in the school may apply in writing to the Chair of Governors, via the school office.
An appeal form is available from the school office. Appeals will be heard by an independent Panel in accordance with the information and timetable published on our school website:
http://www.georgefenthamschool.co.uk

11. Places will be offered to twins, triplets and children from multiple births, where this would not cause prejudice to the efficient education or efficient use of resources.

12. Applications for deferred or part-time entry to Reception or for admission of children to be taught out of year group (including for summer-born children wishing to delay entry to Reception) should be made to the Chair of Governors of the school, via the school office. Information for parents in this regard is available here: https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/School-admissions

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