



# Martock Primary School

## Admissions Arrangements 2025-26

Martock Primary School are consulting on their 2025/26 admissions arrangements. The main proposed changes are as follows;

- Omitting the church over subscription criteria
- Adding a priority for pupils entitled to service premium

Martock primary school is located in a village setting near to Yeovil. Our school is the perfect size for everyone to know and care for each other really well whilst allowing plenty of scope for friendships and flexibility for challenge in learning.

If you would like to discuss your particular circumstances or require further help with any aspect of the school admissions process, please contact the School Office - telephone: 01935 823486 [office@martockschool.co.uk](mailto:office@martockschool.co.uk)

It is recommended that you also visit the school website which provides a lot of useful information about the school community and curriculum which will be helpful when choosing a school

[www.martock.somerset.sch.uk](http://www.martock.somerset.sch.uk)

Martock Church of England (C of E) Primary School is a popular and successful school offering high quality education for children aged 4 -11. The Governors welcome applications on behalf of any child but prioritise admission for siblings and children living within a defined catchment area before those children living further away from the school.

### **Admission number(s)**

The school has an admission number of **30** for entry into Reception.

The school has an admission number of **30** for entry in Year 1 to Year 2.

The school has an admission number of **32** for Year 3 to Year 6

The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications.

### **Cyclical Application process (September Year R Places)**

The Local Authority will process applications within the normal local authority process for coordinating school offers. This means you will need to complete your LA common application form.

Applications for this school should be sent to Somerset County Council.

The closing date for applications is **15 January 2025**.

Offers will be made on **16 April 2025**.

To apply visit <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school/>

### **In Year Application process**

In year applications must be submitted directly to the school using the in-year application form.

A decision will be notified in writing to the applicant within ten school days.

Proof of address may be required to be submitted with the application. This will be either the formal 'exchange of contracts' letter from the solicitor for a house purchase, a recent utility bill or the signing of a minimum of a six month tenancy agreement. **The Governing Body reserve the right to seek further documentary evidence to support a claim of residence.**

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.

### **Oversubscription criteria**

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order and internationally adopted previously looked after children.
2. Children living in the catchment area with a sibling attending the school, who will still be on roll at the time of admission and who lives at the same home address.
3. Children living in the catchment area (see map below for catchment area).
4. Children of staff who, at the time of application, have been employed by the school on a permanent contract for a minimum of two years
5. Children who live outside the catchment area with a sibling attending the school, who will still be on roll at the time of admission and who lives at the same home address
6. Service Premium
7. Children not satisfying a higher criterion

### **Tie-break**

If in categories 2 – 7 above 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.

Random allocation undertaken by the local authority will be used as a tie-break in categories 2-5 above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the academy is equidistant in any two or more cases.

Random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place. We will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules and exceed our PAN.

### **Late applications**

All applications received after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time. If, following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

### **Deferred entry for infants**

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

Parents offered a place in reception for their child have a right to defer the date their child is admitted, or to take the place up part-time, until the child reaches compulsory school age. Places cannot be deferred beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made.

Children reach compulsory school age on the prescribed day following their 5th birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 August, 31 December and 31 March.

Parents of summer born children may request that they are admitted into reception rather than year one when they become of compulsory school age.

### **Admission of children outside their normal age group**

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested and the year group in which they wish their child to be allocated a place.

When such a request is made, the school 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 Head teacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

### **Waiting lists**

The school will operate a waiting list. Where the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the first term after the beginning of the school year. This will be maintained by the school and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be

reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

## **Appeals**

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Appellants should submit their appeal form to the School Appeal Co-ordinator at the Admissions and Entitlement Team at Somerset County Council within 20 school days of the date of the refusal letter. For more information on how to appeal please see the Somerset County Council website at <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/appeal-school-admissions-decision/> for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on our website at [www.martock.somerset.sch.uk](http://www.martock.somerset.sch.uk)

## **Notes**

### Home address

A child's permanent home address is considered to be where the child spends the majority of their time with parents or carers. Documentary evidence of home ownership or suitable rental agreement may be required, together with proof of permanent residence at the property concerned. Places cannot be allocated on the basis of an intended future address, unless the house move can be confirmed through the formal 'exchange of contracts' or the signing of a minimum of a six-month formal tenancy agreement from a letting agency. Please note private letting agreements may not be accepted as proof of residence. An address change due to a move to live with other family members or friends will not be considered until the move has taken place and suitable proof of residency has been obtained. Proof that a move from the previous address has taken place may also be required e.g. proof of exchange of contracts, a tenancy agreement showing the end date of the tenancy or a notice to quit from the landlord or repossession notice.

The Governing Body reserve the right to seek further documentary evidence to support any claim of residence which could include contacting the estate agent, solicitor, landlord or relevant professional. A representative of the Governing Body may carry out a home visit/s without prior notice to verify a pupil's home address. An address used for childcare arrangements cannot be used as a home address for the purpose of applying for a school place. Fraudulent claims relating to the home address of a particular child may lead to the withdrawal of any offer of a school place. Proof of address will not be required for Traveller families where the address is confirmed by the Traveller Education Service. A foster carer will not be required to supply proof of address for a child placed with them by a Local Authority. The Local Authority and/or Governing Body must be notified of any change of address during the admissions procedure.

Where shared care arrangements are in place and parents/ carers of the child submit two separate applications for different schools, the Governing Body will only accept one

application which will be the application made by the parent/carer that lives at the same permanent home address as the child. Where there are exceptional grounds such as on-going court proceedings for example, these applications will be considered on a case by case basis.

If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, the Governing Body may also ask for evidence of which parent/carer was in receipt of child benefit at the point of application. If the parent/carer is not in receipt of child benefit, the Governing Body will ask for proof of the child's home address as held by the doctor's surgery at the point of application.

### Sibling

Sibling' means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a step brother or sister or other child living in the same household as part of the same family who, in any of these cases, will be living at the same address at the date of their application for a place.

### Service Premium Priority

Those eligible for Service Premium admission priority are:

- Children whose parent(s) are serving in the regular UK armed forces or is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service, or in the armed forces of another nation and stationed in England;
- Children who have been registered as a 'service child' in the school census at any point in the last six years;
- Children where at least one parent died while serving in the UK armed forces and the pupil is in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS).

Parents will be required to provide evidence of eligibility with their application.

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<p><b>For families resident in Somerset the 'home' local authority is Somerset County Council</b></p>	<p>Admissions and Entitlements Team County Hall, Taunton, Somerset TA1 4DY</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:schooladmissions@somerset.gov.uk">schooladmissions@somerset.gov.uk</a> Telephone: 0300 123 2224</p> <p>Opening Hours: Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 5pm, Friday: 8:30am to 4:30pm, Saturday and Sunday closed.</p>
<p><b>The Office of the Schools Adjudicator</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-of-the-schools-adjudicator">https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-of-the-schools-adjudicator</a></p>
<p><b>The Local Government Ombudsman</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.lgo.org.uk">www.lgo.org.uk</a></p>
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