Cronton Church of England Primary School
Admission Policy and Arrangements 2027/28

Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church at parish and diocesan level.

The school aims to serve its community by providing education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages understanding of the meaning and significance of faith and promotes Christian values through the experience of all its pupils.

The number of places available for each year group, at the time of writing, is 30. This will be the number beyond which the Governors would normally refuse to allow further admission to the school and is consistent with our published admission number agreed with the Local Authority.

Attendance at Cronton CE Primary School Nursery does NOT guarantee a place in the school. All nursery applicants for a reception place should apply in the normal way, just as other applicants do.

As Cronton CE Primary School is part of Knowsley Local Authority, the school will follow the agreed Knowsley co-ordinated admissions scheme. The LA will publish information about the application process, including an online application facility by September 2026. This will be available on the Knowsley website www.knowsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions
Applicants who are resident in other authority areas must complete the application preference form from their own home authority but can name Cronton Church of England School as a preference.

Please note that the school can supply a supplementary form that may be completed in addition to the Local Authority form by applicants who wish to supply information for consideration under criterion 4, 5,6, 7 or 8.

The closing date for applications is **15th January 2027**.

In the event of the school receiving more applications than it has places to offer, and after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied to all applicants to determine which children have priority for places:

1. Children in public care and previously looked after children.This includes any "looked after child", “previously looked after children” and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. ‘Looked after’ means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. This criteria also includes looked after children and all previously looked after 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 note A)

2. Children of families resident in Cronton Village at the time of allocation (see note D)
3. Brothers and sisters of children who are on roll at the time of allocation and are expected to be attending the school at the start of the academic year in which the proposed new child entrant will start (see note E)

4. Children of parents/ carers who attend worship at Cronton C. E. Mission Church (See note F)
5. Children of parents/ carers who attend worship at St. Luke's Church, Farnworth, St. Ambrose Widnes. (See note F)
6. Children of parents / carers who attend worship at other Church of England Churches. (see note F and G)
7. Children of parents / carers who attend worship of another Christian denominations. (see note F and G)
8. Children who are on roll at Cronton CE Nursery no later than 30th September of the year before normal reception admission and are still attending the nursery throughout the application and allocation process.
9. Children living nearest the school. The distance from home to school is measured in a straight line ("as the crow flies") and is done by a computerised measuring system using co-ordinate points.

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship, has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church, or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship, or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

Tie Break

Should there be more applicants than places within any of criteria 1 to 9 above, the Governors will use the distance from home-to-school.

In the rare cases where a distance tie-break does not assist, e.g. two pupils living in the same block of flats, preference will be decided by random selection.

Where there are multiple births wanting admissions (e.g twins, triplets) and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the Governing Body will exercise as much flexibility as possible with the requirements of infant class sizes.

Notes:

A. A looked after child is a child who is in the care of a local authority in England, or is being provided with accommodation by a local authority in England in the exercise of their social services functions (see definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). Adoption as under the Adoption and Children's Act 2002 (section 46). Child arrangement orders as defined in the Children and Families Act 2014 (section 12). Special Guardianship Order as defined in the Children Act 1989 (section 14A). Parents/carers who wish to have their child considered as a looked after or previously looked after child need to provide documentary evidence of this status to the Local Authority at the point of application.

A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. Parents/carers who wish to have their child considered as being in state care outside of England prior to adoption need to

provide documentary evidence of this status to the Local Authority at the point of application.

B. At the time of application, **all** applicants are required to submit an online application to home authority and, where parents choose to do so, a supplementary form (SIF) which concerns religious practice, direct to the school,.
C. A looked after child is a child who is in the care of a local authority in England, or is being provided with accommodation by a local authority in England in the exercise of their social services functions. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.
D. Cronton Village means the area inside the boundary marked on the map of the defined area agreed by the Governing Body and is available in school for Parents to view by request.
E. Brothers and sisters includes half / step brothers and sisters as well as fostered and adopted children, provided they live at the same family address. This does not include cousins or other family relationships.
F. 'Parents who attend worship' is taken to mean a minimum of monthly attendance at Church for a minimum of 12 months prior to the closing date for applications for that year. Applicants who wish to provide information to be considered under criterion 4,5, 6 or 7 must note that the form confirming regular attendance must be completed by the appropriate minister and returned with the original application. It is the responsibility of the parent to return the form to the school by the closing date. The Governors reserve the right to contact the minister in order to verify the authenticity of the completed form.
G. Church of England refers to 'Any church designated as Church of England or belonging to the Anglican Communion'.
   Other Christian denomination refers to any church which is designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York or locally by the diocesan bishop, or is a member of churches Together in England, or the Evangelical Alliance, or a partner church of Affinity'.
H. An offer of a place is subject to parents/carers providing evidence of information provided e.g. proof of date of birth in the form of a birth certificate and proof of residency, such as council tax notification or recent utility bill on which the full name of one of the parents is written. The Governors may also ask for further proof and/or consult the electoral register. The address which receives child benefit will normally be used if the child's time is split between two homes, but the Governing Body reserves the right to request other proofs as fit the individual circumstances. If it is found that a place has been allocated on false information then the place may be withdrawn.
I. Late Applications – For late applications please refer to the Knowsley Primary Education Admissions Booklet 2027/28
J. Please note, throughout this policy and supplementary form, the term "Parent/carers" refers to the legal guardian of the child.
K. Pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs / EHCP (Educational Health Care Plan). – Where a pupil has a Statement of SEN / EHCP and the Authority has named a particular school as provision, the child must normally be admitted. Where such pupils are known about at the time of the annual allocation, they will be placed within the admission number, with priority over others.

The Home Local Authority, on behalf of the school Governors, will notify both successful and unsuccessful applicants of the outcome of their application by letter. Offer letters for applicants who applied on time will normally be posted on 16th April 2027.

Applicants who are refused a place at the school will be informed in writing of their right to appeal against this decision to an independent appeal panel and how this appeal can be made.

A waiting list will be kept for any child/ren unsuccessful in their application(s). The waiting list is ordered according to the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will remain open as per the LA co-ordinated equal preference scheme.

All other waiting lists will be kept open until the end of the Summer Term in the academic year in which the application is made.

The Governors will also use the criteria above in relation to children wishing to transfer from other schools and those moving into the area after places have been allocated. If a place is allocated, the Governors will then request the child's parents to complete a registration form and we will normally ask the child's previous school for any records that they might have. This is to ensure the transfer can be made as smoothly as possible for the child concerned.

The school welcomes visits from parents and prospective parents. To ensure time is available to meet you, we would ask you to ring for an appointment.
If any families would like to be alerted when the appropriate reception booklets and forms are available, they may leave a note of their name and address and their child's date of birth on the school's "interested list".
N.B. Whether or not a parent visits the school or puts their name down on the "interested list" plays no part whatsoever in the application process and has no effect in how the application for a school place is treated.

Summary Timetable

Application forms available from	10th September 2026.
Closing date for formal applications	15th January 2027.
Allocation of places notified to parents	16th April 2027.

2.65 For admission to the 2011–12 school year, and subsequent years, admission authorities for primary schools **must** provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday. When determining the arrangements for primary schools the admission authority **must** make it clear that:

a) The arrangements do not apply to those being admitted for nursery provision including nursery provision delivered in a co-located children's centre;

b) Parents of children who are admitted for nursery provision **must** apply for a place at the school if they want their child to transfer to the Reception class

c) Attendance at the nursery or co-located children's centre does not guarantee admission to the school

d) Parents can request that the date their child is admitted to the school is deferred until later in the school year or until the child reaches compulsory school age in that school year;

e) Parents can request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age

Deferred entry to primary schools

2.69 Admission authorities **must** allow parents of children who are offered a place at the school before they are of compulsory school age to defer their child's entry until later in the school year. Where entry is deferred, admission authorities **must** hold the place for that child and not offer it to another child. The parent would not however be able to defer any entry beyond the beginning of the term after the child's fifth birthday, nor beyond the academic year for which the original application was accepted