



# celtic cross education

Admissions Policy  
2023-2024



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## CELTIC CROSS EDUCATION

Bishop Bronescombe Church of England Primary School

Grampound Road Church of England Primary School

Grampound with Creed Church of England Primary School

Ladock Church of England Primary School

Lerryn Church of England Primary School

Marhamchurch Church of England Primary School

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St Winnow Church of England Primary School

Veryan Church of England Primary School

## Celtic Cross Education's Mission Statement

*'Through God's love and lessons, we nurture, learn and achieve together.'*

Our mission, as Church of England Schools, is to provide an education that gives all pupils the opportunity to develop their full potential within a happy, caring and safe environment, grounded upon the values of the Christian faith.

Daily worship in schools and termly services at the local church are an important part of our Christian Ethos, as well as developing a sense of community and belonging for every child. Our Home/School agreement asks parents to support this important aspect of our school life.

We ask all parents applying for a place to respect this mission statement and its importance to each school community. This does not affect the right of parents who are not of the faith of all schools to apply for, and be considered, for a place.

This policy details the admission arrangements for each school and should be read in conjunction with the Primary Admissions Schemes and other agreed policies of Cornwall Council, the Local Authority (LA), available at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>. All policies and procedures seek to comply with the requirements of the School Admissions Code of Practice, available at <https://www.gov.uk/schools-admissions>.

## Introduction

The schools will participate fully in Cornwall Council's Fair Access Protocol and Cornwall Council's Co-Ordinated Admissions Schemes. Details of these schemes are available on the Council's website ([www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)) or on request from the council. Closing dates and other details about the application process will be stated in those Schemes.

## Applying for a place

All applications for places in reception, or other year groups during the school year, must be made direct to the applicant's home local authority on the appropriate application form. The application form and supporting information will be available on Cornwall Council's website.

**Please note that parents of children attending an attached pre-school or nursery still need to apply for a place in the school's reception year.**

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan, or Statement of Special Educational Needs, you **do not** need to complete an application form as a school place will be identified through a separate process.

## Allocation of places

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan or Statement of Special Educational Needs that names the school will be admitted regardless of the number on roll in the year group.

Children in Care who are directed to the school by the Local Authority (or Secretary of State in the case of academies) will be admitted to the school regardless of the number on roll in the year group.

The published admission number (PAN) for reception in 2023/24 are listed below:

### PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBERS 2023/24

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Bishop Bronescombe C of E Primary School  | 45 |
| Grampond Road C of E Primary School       | 21 |
| Grampond with Creed C of E Primary School | 12 |
| Ladock C of E Primary School              | 17 |
| Lerryn C of E Primary School              | 8  |
| Marhamchurch C of E Primary School        | 20 |
| St Mabyn C of E Primary School            | 12 |
| St Petroc's C of E Primary School         | 90 |
| St Michael's C of E Primary School        | 60 |
| St Tudy CofE Primary School               | 12 |
| St Winnow CofE Primary School             | 15 |
| Veryan C of E Primary School              | 14 |

Note that the PAN stated above applies to our reception intakes. Admission authorities can admit over the original admission number set for any given year group.

Places will be allocated up to this number. If more applications are received than places available, the oversubscription criteria listed later in this document will be used to decide on allocations. If the school is not oversubscribed, all applicants will be admitted.

### **Deferred/delayed entry/part-time entry**

All children are entitled to start school full-time in the September following their fourth birthday. However, parents may choose deferred or part-time entry to the reception year for their child, bearing in mind that, by law, children must be in full-time education by the start of the term following their fifth birthday – when they reach ‘compulsory school age’. Parents of summer-born children may also seek a place for their child outside their normal age group, i.e. entry to reception a year later than normal, for example, if the child may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. Parents choosing part-time, or deferred entry, or wishing to delay entry to the reception year, must contact the setting’s Head of School.

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

Parents may seek a place for their child outside their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. Those wishing to request placement outside the normal age group should contact the Lead Professional. Such requests will be considered on a case by case basis and in the best interests of the child concerned. Guidance can also be found at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) or on request from the School Admissions Team. Parents who are refused a place at a school for which they have applied have the right of appeal to an independent admission appeal panel. However, they do not have a right of appeal if they have been offered a place and it is not in the year group they would like.

### **Appeals**

Applicants refused a place at the school have the right of appeal. Appeals are heard by an independent appeals panel arranged by Cornwall Council on behalf of Celtic Cross Education’s Trustee Board. Further details and a timeline can be found in the Local Authority’s Co-Ordinated Admissions Scheme. Applicants can only appeal again for a place in the same school within the same academic year if the admission authority for that school has accepted a further application because there has been a significant and material change in the circumstances of the parent or carer, child or school (e.g. a change of address into a school’s designated area), but has determined that the new application must also be refused.

### **Waiting lists**

If the school is oversubscribed, a waiting list will be held from when allocations have been made and a child/children will remain on the waiting list for one term only, in the year of entry, in line with legal requirements. Parents/carers can request that their child is added to this list if they are refused a place. The waiting list will be based on the school’s oversubscription criteria and a child’s place on a waiting list is subject to change according to the additional information received about applications, or children being added to the list – so their place on the list might move up or down. **No priority is given to the length of time that a child has been on the list.** Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan, or Statement of Special Educational Needs, and/or Children in Care, or previously looked after children, will take precedence over those on the waiting list. Children admitted under the Fair Access Protocol will also be given priority over children on the waiting list.

## Oversubscription Criteria

In the event of there being more than the Published Admission Number in 2023/2024, or more applications than places for any year group during the school year, the following oversubscription criteria will be used to prioritise applications, after the admission of children whose Education, Health and Care Plan or Statement of Special Educational Needs names the school:

1. Children in care and children who were previously in care, also including those that, immediately after being in care, became subject to an Adoption, Child Arrangement, or Special Guardianship Order. This category also includes those who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children who live within the designated area of the school, as defined by Cornwall Council, whose siblings are currently attending, and will still be attending, at the time of the intended admission of the child.
3. Criteria will account for children with an unequivocal professional recommendation from a Doctor, a Medical Officer, Educational Psychologist or Education Welfare Officer that non-placement at the school would not be in the best interest of the child. Such recommendations must be made in writing and must give full supporting reasons and will be reviewed by Cornwall Council.
4. Children who live within the designated area of the school, as defined by the Local Authority, or whose parents/carers can provide evidence that they will be living in the designated area of the school by the date from which admission is required.
5. Children who live outside the designated area of the school, as defined by the Local Authority, with a sibling who will be attending the school at the time of application.
6. All other children

## Notes and definitions

### 1. Children in care

A 'Child in Care' may also be referred to as a 'Looked after Child' and is a child who is

(a) in the care of a local authority

(b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

A 'Child Arrangement Order' is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of, or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole, or main purpose, is to benefit society (see Section 23ZZA(8) of the Children Act 1989 (inserted by Section 4 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017)).

### 2. Designated Areas

Cornwall Council has divided the County into geographical areas. Each of these areas is served by a specific primary school, or in some cases, groups of schools. These areas are called 'designated areas' (you may also have heard these areas referred to as 'catchment' areas). The designated areas used in our oversubscription criteria will be defined by Cornwall Council. NB: not all schools prioritise on the basis of designated area, or use the Local Authority's

defined area, however, entitlement to home to school transport will still be based on these areas. Your designated school will not always be the one nearest to your home address. Maps are available for all designated areas online at: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) or by calling the School Admissions Team on 0300 1234 101 or emailing: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk).

If you are planning to move into the designated area of one of our schools, your application for a place for your child will not be given the priority accorded to designated area pupils without firm evidence of your new address and moving date, such as a copy of a signed and dated tenancy agreement or confirmation that contracts have been exchanged.

### **3. Children with an unequivocal professional recommendation**

Applicants will only be considered under this criterion where the parent/carer can demonstrate that **only** the preferred school can meet the exceptional medical or social needs of the child, supported by a recommendation from, for example, a doctor, school medical officer or educational psychologist. Such recommendations must be made in writing to the School Admissions Team and must give full supporting reasons. The admission authority will make the final decision on whether to accept an application under this criterion.

### **4. Siblings**

'Siblings' means brothers or sisters. They are defined as children with at least one natural or adoptive parent in common, living at the same or a different address. Children living permanently in the same household at the same address would also be counted as siblings, regardless of their actual relationship to each other. To qualify as a sibling, a child must be on the roll of the school in question at the date of application, allocation and admission.

If a child is a sibling of a multiple birth (e.g. twins, triplets, etc.) and has been offered a place at the requested school, every effort will be made to offer places to siblings at the same school, which may mean allocating places above the Published Admission Number (PAN) where this is possible. However, where this is not possible, parents will be invited to decide which of the children should be allocated the available place(s).

### **5. Tie-breakers**

If any of the criteria outlined earlier leave more children with an equal claim than places available, priority will be given to the child who lives nearer to the preferred school.

### **6. Final tie-breaker**

Should the tie-breakers above still leave children with an equal claim, because distances are exactly the same, random allocation will be used to decide on priority. The school will use the Local Authority's Random Allocation Protocol, supervised by an independent person, which is available on request.

### **7. Distances**

Home to school distances used for tie-breaking will be measured by a straight-line measurement as determined by Capita One and supported by Cornwall Council's nominated Geographical Information System. Measurements will be between your home address (the centre of the main building of the property) and the main gate of the school (as determined by Cornwall Council). Distances used to determine nearest school with room (i.e. where it is not possible to offer a place at a preferred school) and for establishing transport entitlements will be measured by the nearest available route as determined by Cornwall Council's nominated Geographic Information System software.

## 8. Home address

Each child can have only one registered address for the purposes of determining priority for admission and transport entitlement. This address should be the place where the child is normally resident at the point of application, or evidence of the address from which a child will attend school, in the form of written confirmation of a house purchase or a formal tenancy agreement. Exceptional circumstances, in relation to the provision of a home address, will be considered on a case-by-case basis. If there is shared residence of the child, or a query is raised regarding the validity of an address, the LA will consider the home address to be with the parent with primary day to day care and control of the child. Residency of a child may also be clarified through a Child Arrangement Order where it is shown who has care of the child. Evidence may be requested to show the address to which any Child Benefit is paid and at which the child is registered with a doctor's surgery.

It is expected that parents will submit only one application for each child. Any disputes in relation to the child's home address should be settled before applying; the admission authority will not become involved in any parental disputes. If agreement cannot be obtained before an application is made, then parents/carers may need to settle the matter through the courts. Where no agreement is reached, or order obtained, Cornwall Council will determine the home address.

For information on disputes between persons with parental responsibility, in relation to school preferences, please see the LA's Co-Ordinated Admissions Scheme for the relevant year.

Applications for children of Service Families will be processed and places allocated based on the proposed address (with supporting evidence) or, if the family are not able to confirm a proposed address and a unit or quartering address is provided, an allocation will be made based on the unit or quartering address. Until a fixed address is available, the unit postal address or quartering area address will be used to determine allocation of a school place. For the purposes of measuring distances, the main entrance of the unit will be used.



| Lerryn Church of England Primary School            | St Mabyn Church of England Primary School                        | St Petroc's Church of England Primary School               | St Tudy Church of England Primary School             | St Winnow Church of England Primary School               | St Michael's Church of England Primary School                                |
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| Lerryn<br>Lostwithiel<br>Cornwall<br>PL22 0QA      | Wadebridge<br>Road<br>St Mabyn<br>Bodmin<br>Cornwall<br>PL30 3BQ | Athelstan Park<br>Bodmin<br>Cornwall<br>PL31 1DS           | St Tudy<br>Bodmin<br>Cornwall<br>PL27 7NH            | Downend<br>Lostwithiel<br>Cornwall<br>PL22 0RA           | Penberthy<br>Road,<br>Helston,<br>Cornwall,<br>TR13 8AR                      |
| 01208 872620                                       | 01208 841307   | 01208 72526  | 01208 850548   | 01208 872665   | 01326<br>572386  |
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| Boscoppa Road<br>St Austell<br>Cornwall<br>PL25 3DT  | South Street<br>Grampound<br>Road<br>Truro<br>Cornwall<br>TR2 4TT  | Fore Street<br>Grampound<br>Truro<br>Cornwall<br>TR2 4SB   | Ladock<br>Truro<br>Cornwall<br>TR2 4PL   | Veryan<br>Truro<br>Cornwall<br>TR2 5QA   | Helebridge Road<br>Marhamchurch<br>Cornwall<br>EX23 0HY  |
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