



# The Fulham Bilingual

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## HOLY CROSS, FULHAM BILINGUAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

### ADMISSION CRITERIA 2021/22

Holy Cross School, in partnership with the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham, the Diocese of Westminster and L'Ecole de Fulham, admits an additional 28 reception age pupils each year for a bilingual (French and English) education.

Pupils, drawn from both schools, are taught together by teachers from each of the schools, using an agreed common curriculum. The children are fully immersed in French for exactly half of the week, the other half is taught in English. The children will have two teachers; an English Teacher and a French Teacher. Families without French as a first or additional language should consider the following:

**During French weeks, the curriculum, homework and any communication from the French Teacher will be in French and not translated.**

Whilst it is not essential or part of the admissions criteria to have spoken French at home, it is important to understand the challenges of the Bilingual prior to making an application.

**Applications for the bilingual places at L'école Marie d'Orliac (Fulham) are entirely separate to those for Holy Cross School and subject to different admissions criteria.**

The governors welcome applications for admission to the school by parents/carers who wish their children to have a bilingual primary education and who are prepared positively to support the aims and identity of the school generally. Parents applying for a bilingual place may also apply for a foundation place at Holy Cross School, in which case they must name **both** on the common application form, ranking them separately as two of the six preferences.

Admission to the bilingual course will be determined without reference to religious commitment, in accordance with oversubscription criteria similar to those used for community primary schools in the borough.

Pupils admitted to the bilingual course will normally be expected to remain in the course until they transfer to secondary school at the age of 11. There is no automatic right of transfer from the bilingual course to the standard foundation course at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School.

**Oversubscription criteria** if there are more applicants than places, places will be offered in accordance with the following criteria in order of priority:

1. Children in public care (see explanatory notes).
2. Children defined as being in priority need within the categories as set out by the Children Act 1989, or as having an otherwise exceptional educational, medical or social need will be considered on an individual basis by the Governing Body.



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3. Children of members of staff, who have been working at the school for at least two years at the time of application.
4. Children who will have a sibling or siblings in the Holy Cross Bilingual section at the time of admission.
- 5 All admissions after priorities 1, 2, and 3, will be by distance; allocated as living nearest to the school.

## TIE BREAK

Where the offer of places to all the applicants in any of the sub-categories listed above would still lead to oversubscription, the places up to the admission number will be offered By random allocation. This will be carried out in the presence of an independent witness.

## FAIR ACCESS

The school is committed to taking its fair share of children who are vulnerable and/or hard to place, as set out in locally agreed protocols. Accordingly, outside the normal admissions round, the Governing body is empowered to give absolute priority to a child where admission is requested under any local protocol that has been agreed by both the Governing Body and the Diocese for the current school year. The Governing Body has the power even when admitting the child would mean exceeding the published admission number.

## IN-YEAR ADMISSIONS

Applications for In-Year admissions are made directly to the school. If a place is available and there is no waiting list, the local authority will be informed, the e-admissions form will be completed and the child will be admitted. If there is a waiting list the applications will be ranked by the Governing Body in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. If a place cannot be offered at this time then you may ask us for the reasons and you will be informed of your right of appeal. You will be offered the opportunity of being placed on the waiting list. This waiting list will be maintained by the Governing Body in the order of the oversubscription criteria (as modified above) and not in the order in which the applications are received. Names are removed from the list at the end of each academic year. When a place becomes available the Governing Body will re-rank the list and make an offer of a place.



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## RIGHT OF APPEAL

If you are unsuccessful you may ask us for the reasons for the refusal of a place. These reasons will be related to the oversubscription criteria listed in the policy and you will have the right of appeal to an independent panel. Should you wish to appeal please contact the school as soon as possible for an appeal form on which you must list your reasons for making an appeal. The deadline for appeals is 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

## WAITING LIST

In addition to their right of appeal, unsuccessful candidates will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. This list will be maintained in order of the oversubscription criteria set out in the policy and not in the order in which applications are received or added to the list. Please note the waiting list is subject to change at any time. Names are removed from the list after one year, unless applicants request in writing to remain on the list.

## CHANGE OF DETAILS

If any of the details on either of your forms changes between the date of application and the receipt of the letter of offer or refusal, you **must** inform the School and the local authority immediately. If misleading information is given or allowed to remain on either of your forms, the Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw the place, even if the child has already started at the School.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE 2021 - 2022

In order to make an application, you **must** complete an **e-admissions form** from your local authority and return it to them. Applications received after the closing date will be dealt with after the initial allocation process has been completed. The LA will send the outcome on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

## Explanatory Notes

1. The School Admissions Code requires that priority to Looked After Children (Children in Public Care) be extended to include those who ceased to be Children Looked After because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order.
2. If you think your child has an exceptional educational, social or medical need for a bilingual place at L'école Marie d'Orliac (Fulham), your case must be supported by documented evidence from a doctor, health visitor, social worker or other medical professional, which must be submitted at the time of your original application. You will need to show why the bilingual place at L'école Marie d'Orliac (Fulham) is the only school that meets your child's social or medical need. The case must be a clear connection between the child's need and an explanation of the difficulties which would

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be caused if the child were to attend another school. The decision as to whether your child qualifies on medical or social grounds is made by the Governing Body.

3. Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling. It means siblings on roll in school at time of admission, not time of application.

4. For admissions purposes, we will not accept a temporary address if you still possess a property that was used as a home address, nor will we accept a temporary address used solely or mainly to obtain a school place. We reserve the right to review the offer of a place and consider options including the withdrawal of the place and the status of a sibling link for future applicants where it becomes apparent that false or misleading information was provided to obtain a place at the school.

5. Distance Measure For the purposes of this policy, nearness to the school will be calculated using a straight line measurement (as the crow flies) from the child's home address point to the centre point of the school as determined by the local authority. Accessibility by car or public transport will be disregarded.