Places at Crompton House School – the facts!

Admission to secondary school is one of the most important stages in a child’s education. It is not helpful that the admissions process for schools across the authority is complicated, and surrounded by myth and rumour. Here are some of the most commonly asked questions about admission into Crompton House Church of England School. We hope they are useful! If you would like any further information, please contact the Local Authority on 0161 770 4213, or Janet Slater, Admissions Officer, at Crompton House School.

Q. How many places are available for the Year 7 Intake 2026?

*A. There will be 308 places available in accordance with the school admissions policy.*

Q. What are the priorities given to the allocation of places at Crompton House School?

*A. In accordance with the school admissions policy priority is given to:*

***All children with a statement of special education needs, or an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), where Crompton House Church of England School is named in the statement/EHCP***

1. Children Looked After and Children Previously Looked After.
2. Children where the Governing body has deemed exceptional social or medical needs.
3. Children of staff employed by Crompton House School.
4. Faith – Church of England (with a minimum of 36 points).
5. MAT – Feeder schools withing the Multi Academy Trust
6. Faith - Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (with a minimum of 36 points).
7. Faith – Other faiths (with a minimum of 36 points).
8. All Other Children – this will include all applications submitted with ***less*** than 36 points worship points.

Q Do the same proportion of students from different backgrounds enter Crompton House School each year?

*A. No – as with ALL schools, the numbers vary each year because the applications from parents vary each year. Therefore, the number of students entering the school from the immediate locality could vary from none to ten for example.*

*Each year the governors in each school review their admissions criteria, so the priorities may change over time, and so it’s worth checking each school’s criteria each year.*

Q How does the faith criteria points system work?

*A.* *Your vicar/worship leader signs a form to verify how many times each year you and your child attend church and how long you have been attending church.*

Q. Is there any point in applying if we don’t have full points?

A. *Yes. The governors allocate places to students from families who have full points on the faith criteria first, and then to others within the faith criteria who have less points. All children who applied for a place at Crompton House School in the faith C of E category in 2011 to 2024 were offered a place even with minimum points of 36, therefore it is definitely still worth applying even if full points have not been gained.*

Q Do you have to attend a Church of England Junior School?

A. *No, admission is prioritised on church/worship attendance, not the Junior School attended.*

Q. Where is the catchment area?

A. *There is no catchment area. The vast majority of places are allocated on the points system linked to the faith criteria explained above. Each year is different depending on the number of applications received. We currently have children on roll locally and from as far as Stalybridge, Middleton, Bury, Whitworth, Norden and Saddleworth and Bacup.*

Q. On the last criterion, how is the distance from school measured?

A. *The distance is measured by the Local Authority who use a system supplied by Royal Mail called a PAS file. This system calculates the distance in a straight line between the school’s postcode and the postcode of your property.*

Q. My son is in Y10, so is my younger daughter given an automatic place?

A. *No, the governors have not given priority to siblings of existing students. All students are assessed using the criteria explained above, whether or not they have siblings in school. However, in the event of pupils having equal points, a sibling has priority over a non-sibling.*

Q. We are not a church attending family. Are we allowed to apply?

A. *Yes, every child has the right to apply and can be assured that the admissions policy will be applied to every individual application in the correct way. However, if the number of applications from families using the faith criteria in a particular year uses up all of the places, then there will not be any places to give to non- church attenders.*

Q. We attend a catholic church and our priest is refusing to sign the supplementary form?

A. *The Governors would ask that you complete the form up to part B and sign the Parent/Legal Guardian section only. Submit the form as normal with a letter to request the Governors give it special consideration. Valid evidence and letters of support from other members of your church (i.e. Church Warden, Sunday School Teachers) should also be sent with the form and will be considered. The Governors will meet to discuss these applications between 1st November and 10th December of the same year. The governors always give each application careful consideration.*

Q. How will I find out if my child has a place or not?

A. *The local authority in which you live will inform you of the school you have been offered on National Offer Day (usually 1st of March) or after by email. All notifications are sent by email. The Admissions officer at Crompton House School is not permitted to give any information to parents regarding offers of school places.*

Q. Can we find out before the offer day if my child has a place at your school?

A. *The Governors of Crompton House School (and other schools) do not receive any information from the Local Authority until National Offer Day (usually 1st of March). This is the same day parents also receive offers. The Admissions Officer at Crompton House School is not permitted to give any information to parents regarding offers of school places.*

Q. If my child is offered a place do I need to accept it in writing?

A. *No, you do not need to accept in writing. The Governors only ask you to contact the school if you wish to withdraw from the place offered.*

Q. If my child is not offered a place at your school and I would like to appeal to the Governors, what do I need to do?

A. *If you wish to appeal, please contact the Local Authority on 0161 770 4213 for advice on the appeal process.*