SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION AND RED COAT COFE SECONDARY SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



Admissions Policy

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Chair of Governors: Rev T. Critchlow

SLT Responsible: H. Evans

Sir John Cass Redcoat School – Admission Policy 2016-17

We admit 180 pupils to Year 7 each September.

From the total of 180 places (36 Foundation, 128 Open and 16 Aptitude in Modern Foreign Language places) 45 pupils from each of four ability bands will be accepted.

Foundation Places.

36 places (9 per band) to be offered each year to pupils whose families are faithful and regular worshippers in a recognized Christian Church (*see below). Written evidence of applicant's commitment to their place of worship (in the form of a clerical reference) will be required at the time of application. If there are more than 36 applicants, places will be allocated according to the following criteria. These are stated in order of priority:

- Children in public care. This includes children who were previously looked after, but cease to be so because they have been adopted or have become subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.
- Children with a strong medical or social reason to attend the school with written supporting evidence
- Children who live in one of the listed parishes (see appendix below).
- Children who have a sibling in the School at the time of attendance (for this purpose "sibling" means a whole, half or step-brother or step-sister resident at the same address).
- Any other children whose parents wish them to attend the school based on distance. The Governing Body will accept the applicant who lives nearest to the School, measured along the shortest safe walking route to the School's main gate on Stepney Way.

Open Places.

128 places (32 per band) as open places, to be offered each year to pupils who do not qualify for a Foundation place or whose parents have chosen the School for the type of education it provides. If there are more than 128 applicants, places will be allocated according to the following criteria. These are stated in order of priority:

- Children in public care.
- Children with a strong medical or social reason to attend the school with written supporting evidence
- Children who have siblings in the School at the time of attendance (for this purpose "sibling" means a whole, half or step-brother or step-sister resident at the same address).
- Any other children whose parents wish them to attend the school based on distance.

Aptitude in Modern Foreign Languages

16 places will be offered to pupils who demonstrate an aptitude for Modern Foreign Languages having completed the school's aptitude test. The four highest scoring pupils in each band will be offered places. In the event that two or more applicants have equal rights to a place under this criterion, the Governing Body will accept the applicant who lives nearest to the School, measured along the shortest safe walking route to the School's main gate on Stepney Way. If fewer than 4 children qualify to be admitted in any band the unused places will be filled by Modern Foreign Language applicants in adjacent bands. If fewer than 16 children qualify for the Modern Foreign Language places, the number of places under the Open Places admission criteria will be increased in each band accordingly.

Appendix

The parishes of Tower Hamlets Deanery within the Church of England and the following parishes:

Bermondsey: St James Rotherhithe: St Mary Bishopsgate: St Katharine Cree Hackney: St Leonard Shoreditch Haringey: St Mark Noel Park

Bermondsey: St Mary Magdalen All Hallows-by-the-Tower Haringey: St Mary Lansdowne Road

Rotherhithe: Holy Trinity Aldgate: St Botolph Without Aldgate

You can use the following website to check whether you live in one of the listed parishes -

www.achurchnearyou.com

*To attend worship at least twice per month for at least one year. It must be a Church which is a member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and/or the Evangelica Alliance.	al