

SIR JOHN CASS FOUNDATION AND RED COAT SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



Admissions Policy

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Sir John Cass Red Coat School – Admissions Policy 2020-21

Sir John Cass Red Coat CE School admits 208 pupils to Year 7 each September.

From the total of 208 places (40 Foundation, 152 Open and 16 Aptitude in Modern Foreign Language places) 52 pupils from each of four ability bands will be accepted.

Foundation Places.

40 places (10 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 40 applicants, places will be allocated according to the following criteria. These are stated in order of priority:

- Children looked after by the local authority, previously looked after children who left care under a residence or special guardianship order, or those adopted from local authority care.
- Children with a strong medical or social reason to attend the school. This can include the parents', carers' or other family members' medical conditions and the family's social needs. Written supporting evidence required.
- Children who live in one of the listed parishes (see appendix below) or attend any church anywhere in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.
- Children whose sibling i.e. older brother or sister already attends the school and will still be at 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**).
- Children who live nearest the school, measured along the shortest, safe walking route to the school's gate on Stepney Way, using the local authority's computerised map.

Open Places.

152 places (38 per band) as open places, to be offered to pupils who do not qualify for a specialist language or foundation place or whose parents have chosen the school for the type of education it provides. If there are more than 152 applicants, places will be allocated according to the following criteria. These are stated in order of priority:

- Children looked after by the local authority, previously looked after children who left care under a residence or special guardianship order, or those adopted from local authority care.
- Children with a strong medical or social reason to attend the school. This can include the parents', carers' or other family members' medical conditions and the family's social needs. Written supporting evidence required.
- Children living nearest the school who are the eldest in the family (up to five places in each band of ability).
- Children whose sibling i.e. older brother or sister already attends the school and will still be at 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**).
- Children who live nearest the school, measured along the shortest, safe walking route to the school's gate on Stepney Way, using the local authority's computerised map.

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

Bermondsey: St James	Rotherhithe: St Mary	Bishopsgate: St Katharine Cree
Bermondsey: St Katharine	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
It must be a Church which is a member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and/or the Evangelical Alliance.

**In every case, the child and sibling must live in the same family unit at the same address. The address used should be the one that the child usually lives at and attends school from.