



ADMISSION POLICY

Admission Arrangements Bilston CofE Primary School

Our governing board applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend this school. The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 introduced a new framework for school admissions as of September 2000. This was later revised in the Education Act of 2002. Our admissions policy conforms to the regulations that are set out in that Act and are further explained. In the statutory School Admissions Code of Practice and the statutory Appeals Code of Practice. These were revised in January 2003 and came into force in September 2004.

Aims and objectives

Bilston Church of England Primary School is a Wolverhampton Local Authority School maintained School. It is an inclusive school, welcoming children from all backgrounds and abilities into the school, which has a Christian foundation and tradition. We are a two form entry Primary School with a capacity of 420. Our Pupil Admission Number is 60.

How parents and carers can apply for their child to be admitted to our school.

Our school is a community school, and it determines the admission arrangements in agreement with the local authority (LA). The Admissions Authority for our school is therefore Wolverhampton, which publishes its entry regulations every year. Parents and carers can receive a copy of these regulations directly from the LA.

The LA's annual admissions prospectus informs parents and carers how to apply for a place at the school of their choice. Parents and carers have a right to express their preference, but this does not, in itself, guarantee a place at that particular school. Application should be made direct with the LA and by specified date. The LA notify parents and carers of all the decision on a specified date. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the number of places available, then the LA apply the over subscription criteria as set out in the Wolverhampton Admission Arrangements.

In Wolverhampton, children enter full-time school at the start of the academic year in which they become five. There is one admission date per year, early in September (i.e. when the autumn term begins).

Admission appeals

If we do not offer a child a place at this school, this will be because to do so would prejudice the education of other children by allowing the number of children in the school to increase too much.

If parents and carers wish to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying to the LA. An independent panel considers all such appeals, and its decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decides that we should admit a child to whom we had refused a place, then we will accept this decision and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all the children at our school. (Further details of appeal arrangements are set out in the revised Code of Practice on School Admissions Appeals, which came into force in September 2004.)

Monitoring and review

This policy will be monitored by the governing board, who will always take due note of the guidance provided by the local Admissions Forum.

The policy will be reviewed every two years, or earlier in the light of any changed circumstances, either in our school or in the local area.

