



Whalton
Church of England Primary School

Admissions

Policy 2018-19



WHALTON C OF E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Governing body of Whalton C of E Aided Primary School is the admissions authority for the School and they intend to admit up to 10 pupils in the reception year group in September 2018. If the School has not reached its maximum number of 50 pupils the Governing Body may consider additional applications. This arrangement follows consultation between the governing body the LA, all other schools in the area and all other admissions authorities in the area.

The school is open to receive applications for admissions from the parents of all children. We must give priority to those with special educational needs whose statement names the school. By law no infant class may contain more than 30 children. In the event of the number of applications exceeding the number of places available at any one time, the selection criteria will be applied in the order of priority below: -

1. Looked after children, but also to children who were previously looked after, but were then adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
2. Children residing within the LA defined catchment area of the School.
3. Children residing within the Ecclesiastical parish of Whalton, giving preference to children with parents who worship regularly (at least once a month), and have been doing so for at least one year at St. Mary Magdalene, Whalton.
4. Children whose parents are regular worshippers (at least once a month), and have been doing so for at least one year at another C of E church.
5. Those children with a brother or sister at the School at the proposed date of admission.
6. Children of parents of another faith who wish their child to attend this School because of its Christian foundation.
7. Other children.

Tie Break

In the event of more than the allowable number of children meeting the selection criteria at the intake threshold, priority will be given to those children who live nearest to the School as the crow flies (from the front door of the child's home address to the main gate of the school), using the LA's computerised measuring system. In the event of children living equidistant from the School, lots will be drawn.

Procedure

- An interest in admission may be registered at the School office at any time. Length of time on the list of those registering an interest in admission and /or those in attendance at Whalton pre-school are not criteria for selection.

- The School will issue application for admission forms to parents of all registered children at the appointed time during the school year prior to admission.
- The completed application for admission form must be sent to the School by the deadline indicated.
- The Admissions Committee of the Governing Body will consider all applications for admissions at its next meeting after the deadline. The School will then inform all parents of the decision made relating to their child.
- If an application is turned down, an explanation will be provided on the selection criteria and tie break described above. Appeals against decisions on applications for admission should be directed to the Chairman of the Governing Body at the School.

Waiting List

The School office will maintain a waiting list of applicants. In the event of a place becoming available in any class during the school year and there being more applicants on the waiting list than places available, the selection criteria above will apply. This list will be kept until 31st December.

Notes

- 'Looked after child' is a child who is in the care of the local authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the time the application for admission to school is made and whom the local authority has confirmed will still be 'looked after' at the date of admission.
- An 'adoption order' is an order made under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002.
- A 'residence order' is an order outlining the arrangements as to the person with whom the child will live under section 8 of the Children Act 1989.
- A 'special guardianship order' is an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian or guardians.
- 'Sibling' refers to blood brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of a parent's/carer's partner - in every case the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.
- The term 'parents' includes either single or two parent families or the legal guardian(s) of children as appropriate to each child.
- A map showing the boundaries of the School Catchment Area and the Whalton Ecclesiastical Parish is available in the School office.
- If applicants are seeking admission under criteria numbers 3 and 4 above they will be asked to provide a letter of recommendation from their vicar/minister/priest. Regular worshippers are those whose parents share in the life of the Church.
- If a place is offered on the basis of false information (e.g. Address of church attendance) or if parents do not respond within the stated timescale to the offer of a place, the governing body reserves the right to withdraw the offer.
- A history of the outcomes of the admissions process is provided in the School Prospectus.
- Requests for further information related to admissions should be directed to the Head Teacher at the School.

- If applicants are seeking admission under the criterion of special medical needs or other special circumstances, they will be asked to provide appropriate evidence, e.g. a letter from a doctor or specialist. The evidence must clearly demonstrate why the school is the only school that can meet the child's needs. It should explain the difficulties that would arise if the child has to attend an alternative school. This evidence must be submitted with the application on or before the closing date. The governors must be satisfied that there is a specified medical reason which makes attendance at this school essential.
- Multiple Births - Where there are more applications than places, children from multiple births will be given priority within each criterion. If a further tie break is necessary, distance between home and school will be used to prioritise applications.

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Written and agreed by staff, this Policy was formulated after considering the following:

1. aims and content;
2. teaching strategies;
3. dissemination and consultation process.

Reviewed by staff, considered by Governing Body Curriculum Standards and Policies Sub Committee and approved by the Governing Body.

