

GREAT WITLEY C E (VOLUNTARY AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS POLICY 2010-2011

The catchment area for this school includes The Shelsleys, Stanford Bridge, Little Witley and Shrawley as well as Great Witley.

Priority with regard to admissions shall be as follows:

1. *Relevant 'Looked After' Children.
2. Children residing within the above catchment area.
3. Out of area children with siblings attending the school at the time of admission. (The sibling link, as well as brother or sister, also includes half-siblings (that is children who share one birth parent) and legally adopted children. They must also be living at the same home address.)
4. Those who have an active involvement, parent and / or child, in the work and worship of a community of any established religious faith, i.e. at least monthly attendance at the place of worship for a period of a year prior to application. A leader or representative of the religious community should provide written confirmation. If this information is missing the criterion is not met.
5. Out of area children.

- Notes:
- * 1. Relevant is all those in the care of a Local Authority or provided with accommodation by a Local Authority under the terms of the Children Act 1989, 'looked after' at the time of the application for admission and who will still be 'looked after' at the time of admission.
 2. In accordance with legislation, a child with a Statement of Special Educational Needs will be offered a place at the school named in the Statement.
 3. In the event of parents submitting applications for twins or more than one child of the same birth date, should an offer be made for one place, the parents must decide which child will accept the place.

If there are not enough places to accommodate all the applicants, priority will be given in the final category from which children are admitted, to those living nearest to the school by the shortest suitable vehicular route between the school gate and their front door. In the event of equi-distance applicants lots will be drawn.

All applications for admission during the academic year September 2010 to August 2011 will need to be received by the school on or before Friday 22nd January 2010. Late applications for Great Witley C E Primary School received up to and including Friday 12th March 2010 may be treated as being on time, only in the following circumstances:

- Where a family have moved address (refer to Part E at the back of the LA's Information for Parents booklet).

As part of the LA's Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements with schools, letters advising parents of the allocation of places will be sent out by the LA on behalf of the School Governors on Friday 24th April 2009.

N.B. The Governors wish to make it clear that the only address considered with regard to admissions is the parents/legal guardians/carers permanent address at the time of application.

The School's policy regarding the admission of Reception children is as follows: -

We admit our Reception children at the start of the Autumn Term. All children will attend for mornings only from the beginning of the Autumn Term and will become full time after the Autumn Half Term Holiday.

However, for those children whose 5th birthday is between 1st March 2011 and 31st August 2011 parents can choose to delay their admission until January 2011, following previous discussion with the headteacher.

The Local Authority will be coordinating all in-year applications from 2010. Applications for existing year groups must be signed by the child's current school and then returned to Pupil Admissions, County Hall, PO Box 73, Worcester. WR5 2YA.

Parents/guardians/carers have the right to appeal against the Governing Body's decision not to admit their child/ren by writing to The Clerk to the Governing Body (see below) within 2 weeks of the date of the notification of the refusal of a place. Appeals will be heard by an independent Appeals Panel whose decision is binding on all parties.

Admissions for the last academic year for which figures are available (2008/2009) were as follows:

Applications: 20 Admission: 15 Category 2: 12 Category 3: 1 Category 5: 2

A waiting list is maintained by The Clerk to the Governing Body who may be contacted at the school (see below). The waiting list is compiled in the order of the priorities given above. Parents will be informed should places become available. Further information regarding admissions is available from The Clerk to the Governing Body, Great Witley C E Primary School, Worcester Road, Great Witley, Worcester, WR6 6HR