

The Governors' Policy for the Admission of Pupils

The Governors and the Local Authority agree on the number of pupils to be admitted, taking into account the fact that the school is a Church of England Foundation Comprehensive Middle School.

There are 150 places available in each of the four year groups.

The admissions process is part of the Worcestershire Local Authority scheme. The Governors will initially apply the following criteria to all applications.

They have agreed that the aim shall be to admit pupils, regardless of ability in the following **priority** order:-

1. Relevant* 'Looked After' children.
2. From the area designated as the 'catchment area' within Bromsgrove.
3. Who will have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission. # (see note)
4. Who are children of families committed to the practice of the Christian Religion or other faith's, whereby we mean attendance of at least once a month for a period of at least twelve months prior to application and can provide a letter of support from their minister at the time of application.
5. Who have special medical or social needs as supported by their doctor or other professional person at the time of application.
6. Who live nearest to the school by the shortest available walking route. The measurement will be taken from the front entrance of the pupil's home to the main school entrance. The Governors have determined that in the event of a tie break on distance for places then lots will be drawn for any available place.

Any parent seeking a place within this school must complete the appropriate Local Authority form. This form should be received before the date given since all late applications will be treated after those that have been received on time.

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Notes

In accordance with legislation children with Statements of Special Educational Needs will be allocated a place at the school if it is named in the Statement.

*Relevant is all those in the care of the Local Authority or provided with accommodation by the Local Authority under 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.

In the event that there are too many applications in any category, priority will be decided in the order indicated on the previous page, and above.

The Governors continuously operate a 'waiting list' in the event of any Year Group being over-subscribed and, once more, priority will be decided in the order on the previous page, and indicated above.

The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 provides parents with the right to an Independent Appeal Panel in cases where an application for admission is refused. If parents wish to appeal they should write to the Chair of Governors, c/o the school, within 14 days of the notification of the refusal of a place.

The Local Authority, on behalf of the Governors, will notify all parents of the outcome of their application for the September intake into Year 5.

For all other applications the communications will be with the Local Authority direct.

Sibling 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 address.