

WOLVERLEY SEBRIGHT VA PRIMARY SCHOOL: ADMISSIONS POLICY, 2010-2011

Wolverley Sebright VA Primary School is a Voluntary Aided, co-educational establishment catering for children aged 5 to 11 years.

The School Governors will act lawfully and reasonably when considering applications for places. The closing date for applications is 22nd January 2010. Late applications will be considered after those received on time. The Pupil Admission Limit will be 15 as laid down by the Local Authority.

The School operates an equal preference system.

Priority for places will be given in the following order:

- (a) Looked After Children
- [b] Children residing in the Wolverley locality of the civil parish of Wolverley and Cookley. A copy of the catchment area is available on request from School.
- (c) Children who already have siblings, half siblings or legally adopted children in School and are resident at the same address. Half-sibling refers to children who share one birth parent. The sibling must be on roll on the 1st of September in the year for which the application is made.
- [d] Children not noted in the above sections.

In accordance with legislation, a child with a Statement of special educational needs will be offered a place if Wolverley Sebright VA Primary School is named in the Statement.

In the event that the number of applications in any category exceed the number of places, then the deciding factor will be the distance drawn in a straight line from the front door of the child's home to the front entrance of the School with those living the nearest having priority. In the event of equidistance of two or more applicants lots will be drawn to determine allocation. In the case of multiple births the children will be treated as individuals and the responsibility for determining priority will belong to the parent.

When the School's admission limit has been reached a waiting list will be drawn up. The criteria above will then be adhered to in awarding a place to a child whose name is on the waiting list. Pupil applications received in year will be placed on the waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained for a period of twelve months from the closing date for applications and then reviewed. Parents on the waiting list will be given the opportunity to resubmit their child's name.

In the case an in-year applications this will be admitted if there is a vacant place. If there is no place then the child's name will be placed on the relevant waiting list and the procedures above followed.

The L.A., on behalf of the Governors, will notify Parents of the outcome of their application for a place in the Reception Year Group prior to the school year in which their child is due to enter school. Children must have taken up their place before the end of the first week of the subsequent summer term or they will be deemed to have given up their right to a place.

Parents who are refused a place at the School are entitled to appeal against the decision. Appeals by parents, setting out the grounds upon which the appeal is made should be

submitted in writing to the Chair of Governors, c/o the School, within two weeks of the date of the notification of refusal of a place. Appeals will be heard by an Independent Appeal Panel whose decision is binding on all parties. The Appeals Panel will be set up in accordance with The School Standards and Framework Act, 1998, and conducted in line with The Code of Practice issued by the DfES in 2007.

Under the Race Relations Act of 1976 as amended by the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000, the School Governors will not discriminate against applicants on the grounds of race, colour, nationality or country of origin.

The School Governors will not discriminate against applicants on the grounds that the child does not live in the Worcestershire LA area except where such an admission would contravene the School's admission priority above.

The Admissions Policy will be published in the School Prospectus.