



Admissions Policy

Our Christian vision is underpinned by Jesus' example of love for all and is summarised in 1 Corinthians 16:14.

'Let all that you do be done in love.'

WE ASPIRE for all our children to be confident, happy and caring individuals, to love as Jesus shows us and to develop a love of learning, living responsibly in God's world.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Our governing body applies the regulations as set out in the Essex County Council School Planning and Admissions Service document.

2 Aims

- 2.1 We seek to be an inclusive school, welcoming children from all backgrounds and abilities.
- 2.2 The only restriction we place on entry, beyond those set out in the admissions document, is related to class size.

3 How parents can apply for their child to be admitted to our school

- 3.1 Our school is a community school, and it determines the admission arrangements in agreement with the LA. The Admissions Authority for our school is therefore the LA, which publishes its entry regulations every year. Parents can receive a copy of these regulations directly from the LA.
- 3.2 The LA's annual admissions prospectus informs parents how to apply for a place at the school of their choice. Parents have a right to express their preference, but this does not, in itself, guarantee a place at that particular school. Application should be made on a form that can be obtained from the local authority or found on line, and it should be returned by the date stipulated on that form. The LA will notify parents of the decision as soon as all the applications have been processed.
- 3.3 Children enter school at the start of the academic year in which they become five when the autumn term begins in September.

4 Admission appeals

- 4.1 If parents 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.

5 The standard number

- 5.1** The 'standard number' is the number of children the LA considers the school can accommodate. The standard number for our school is 23 in both FS, KS1 and KS2. We keep this number under review, and the governors will apply to change the number if circumstances change.

6 Sizes of classes

- 6.1** We teach EYFS and KS1 children (aged four to seven) in classes that have a maximum number of 30 children. The EYFS class can accommodate more children, as can the second original classroom in the school, but lack of a third, fully sized classroom and having only three classes in KS2 dictates we cannot admit more children. A third classroom has been created from the old library and old kitchen but is suitable for 18 children and 22 under special circumstances. In summary:

Class Australia (EYFS children only) = 24

Class Antarctica (Y1/2) = no more than 30

Class Africa (Y2 only) = no more than 20 ideally

Class Europe (Y3/4) = no more than 32 ideally

Class Asia (Y4/5) = no more than 32 ideally

Class North America (Y5/6) = no more than 32 ideally

7 Monitoring and review

- 7.1** This policy will be monitored by the governing body and reviewed every year, or earlier in the light of any changed circumstances, either in our school or in the local area. The policy will always take due note of guidance provided by the local Admissions Forum.

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