

Bromesberrow St Mary's C of E
(VA) Primary School

Admissions Policy
For September 2016

Headteacher L Hankins

Governor Rev. A Lomas

Review Date September 2017

BROMESBERROW ST MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

GOVERNORS' POLICY ON ADMISSIONS, 2016

The Governors have set the Indicated Admission Number at 8.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA 2016

Where the number of applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below to decide which children to admit.

1. Children in Public Care (i.e. Looked after Children)

A 'looked after child' (1) or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption(2) child arrangements order (residency order) (3) or special guardianship order (4) .

(1) A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. In Gloucestershire, such children are referred to as Children in Care.

(2) This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders).

(3) Under the provisions of s.14 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which amend section 8 of the Children Act 1989, residence orders have now been replaced by child arrangements orders.

(4) See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

2. The admission criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools offers a higher priority for children with siblings who will be attending the school (including Sixth Form where available) when the applicant child is admitted. For this purpose, sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner as well as children who are brought together as a family by a same sex civil partnership. In every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address, at the time of application.

3. Children where the parents or guardians seek specifically Church of England teaching and where the family attend the local church. This should be supported by a letter from the Rector or Minister confirming the faith commitment of the parents.

4. Children whose parents or guardians attend another Christian Church that is a member of Churches Together in England and whose application is supported by a letter from their Rector, Vicar, Priest or other Minister of Religion, confirming the faith commitment of the parents.

5. Children who have an authenticated medical reason for attending this school. Medical circumstances will be considered in accordance with the LA's description in The Admission to Primary School booklet.
6. Any remaining places would be allocated on the basis of closest proximity to the school measured in a straight line. Ease of access to the school and/or other schools will be taken into consideration. Children with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home address (and not centre points of front doors) to the ordnance survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Admission of Summer Born Children for Reception Entry for Bromesberrow St Mary's Primary School

The Governing Body of Bromesberrow St Mary's Primary School acknowledges the updated advice from the Department of Education that, parents/carers of "summer born" children (born between 1 April and 31 August) may request to start the Reception Class of a school a whole academic year later. The Governing Body will make a decision on behalf of Bromesberrow St Mary's Primary School. We follow the Local Authority process which states that parents can only apply for a Reception place at a school once and must apply for a place during the standard application process timeline for their chronological year group, stating their reasons for requesting deferred entry to the following year. The Governing Body will decide whether the deferred entry can be approved for the school.

Normal Admission Round

The term 'normal admissions round' refers to all applications for admission to the main year of entry of the school i.e. Reception for Infant and Primary Schools. Applications made during the normal admissions round will be made in advance of the academic year in which the child is due to start at the new school. Children are entitled to a full-time place, however, may attend part-time until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age.

Waiting Lists

Waiting lists are held until December, then parents will need to re-apply to remain on there if they wish.

In Year Admissions

Parents should contact the school directly in the first instance for in year admissions.

RIGHT OF APPEAL

Parents and guardians have a right of appeal to an independent appeals panel against any decision made by the governors concerning the child's admission to the school.