



Goodrich Church of England Primary School

Admissions Policy
Date: September 2016

Headteacher: Mrs. Karen Miles

Governor: Mr. Neil Crofts

Policy Review date: September 2017

Goodrich CE Primary School

ADMISSIONS POLICY

The Education Act 1996 states that children must be admitted to school at the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday.

The Local Education Authority has delegated to school governors the power to admit rising fives at the beginning of the academic year in which they will be five. In accordance with this delegation the school's policy is as follows:

- children will be admitted in the September of the academic year in which they will be five

Application

For children entering the Reception year, forms are sent directly from the Local Education Authority in which the child's GP surgery is with guidance on the application procedure. Parents are warmly invited to visit the school prior to application. The school and parents will be notified of allocated places in the following year.

Number of places

The pupil admission number is 17

The governors of Goodrich School can agree to oversubscription in the event of applications exceeding 17 dependent on the size of the cohort/s preceeding them.

HEREFORDSHIRE ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2017/2018

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR ALL COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN HEREFORDSHIRE

Children with a Statement of Special Education Needs or an Educational, Health & Care Plan which names a particular school will be allocated places, after which places are allocated according to an agreed set of criteria, in strict order of priority.

Priority 1 - **Looked After Children** and Children who were looked after, but ceased to be because they were adopted from care; (see Footnote 1)

Priority 2 - Children living within the **defined catchment area*** of the school; (see Footnote 2)

Priority 3 - Sibling connection - Children who have an **older sibling**** at the preferred school not only at the time of application but also when the younger child is due to start; (see Footnote 3)

Priority 4 - Exceptional circumstances - Children with exceptional **medical, social or compassionate** grounds for admission and whose parents can show that entry to a particular school only is necessary for the wellbeing of their child. Parents are required to produce a medical certificate or other appropriate information preferably from an independent source. Applications on such grounds will not be considered by the Director of Children's Wellbeing or her advisory panel unless this supporting information is attached to application forms received by 31st October 2016 (secondary schools) or 15th January 2017 (primary schools); (see Footnote 4)

Priority 5 - Distance*** - Children who live **nearest** to the school by the shortest available walking route. (See Footnote 5)

General Notes

Footnote 1: *This is the 1st priority because the council wishes to protect children who were or are in public care from further disadvantage that can arise from possible changes of school when the care placement changes.*

Footnote 2: *This is the 2nd priority because the council gives high importance to try to ensure that children are able to attend the school within their local community.*

Footnote 3: *This is the 3rd priority to recognise the importance to daily family life, including travel arrangements, of having brothers/sisters at the same school where possible. The rule is **not** intended to favour parents with a previous but no longer current family connection with the school.*

Footnote 4: *This is the 4th priority to be sensitive to exceptional needs that individual children and families may have.*

Footnote 5: *The 5th priority is a measurable, objective way of allocating the remaining places.*