



Christ Church C.E. Primary School Admissions Policy

At Christ Church CE Primary School, we do our best to help parents through the admissions process which is bound by strict rules to ensure that procedures are fair to all. Christ Church CE Primary School is a voluntary controlled school which means that the same rules on admission apply as any ordinary community school in Shropshire. These procedures are outlined very clearly in the Parents Guide to Admissions available at www.shropshire.gov.uk/schools.nsf/open/4AAE8DA06AD68E7D80257619003A0E70

The Admissions Team allocate the places for all Local Authority primary, infant and junior schools using an agreed set of criteria, in strict order of priority. Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming a particular school will be offered a place at that school. After that priority for places will be allocated as follows:

Priority 1- Children who are Looked After (LAC).

Priority 2- Children living inside the catchment area. If you wish to look at a school's catchment area please look at www.shropshire.gov.uk/maps/default.htm Scroll down the left hand side and you can click on primary schools and catchment area.

If there are not enough places for all children living in the catchment area, we will look at the following two criteria:

- Firstly, priority will be given to children within the catchment area who will have an older sibling* at the school on the day they are due to start there.
- After that, priority will be given to other children who live in the catchment area.

Priority 3- After that, any places that are left will be offered to children who live outside the catchment area. If there are not enough places for all of them, we will look at the following two criteria.

- Children outside the catchment area who will have an older sibling* at the school on the day they are due to start there.
- Other children who live outside the catchment.

If, in any of the above categories there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of distance from home to school measured as a straight line on a computerised mapping system. The shortest distance being given priority.

*A sibling connection is defined as a brother or sister, step-brother or stepsister, half-brother or half-sister of compulsory school age (i.e. 5 – 16 years), living at the same address as part of the same family unit. Adopted siblings are also included. However, cousins or other relatives who take up residence in a home in order to establish an “in catchment area address will not be included under the sibling criterion. Siblings (as defined above) must be attending the secondary school on the day that the younger sibling is due to start there.

Priority due to exceptional circumstances

Very exceptionally where a child has a particular health reason requiring them to attend a specific school, that child may be given a place before any of the children who qualify under Priority 2 and 3. This will only be allowed if parents/carers can provide medical evidence that attending that particular school is **essential** to the medical well being of their child. The council reserves the right to check the relevance of the medical condition.

Admission to Reception (aged four)

Admission to all Shropshire Schools at reception age is co-ordinated centrally by the County Council. Parents of children reaching school age are contacted by the local authority who send a letter informing them about the school and the admissions procedures. Once they have submitted their application form, Shropshire County Council will allocate a place for their child with due regard to their preferences.

Transferring from another primary school

Admission to our school from other primary schools is now co-ordinated by individual schools. Parents should apply directly to the school they wish their children to attend.

The local authority admissions team can be contacted on 01743 254331 or by e mail: school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk. Their web address is www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

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