

ADMISSIONS POLICY

The school follows the statutory School Admissions Code of Practice and the statutory Appeals Code of Practice.

Admission arrangements are in accordance with the Local Authority Guidelines, which are published each year.

Aim

Our aim is to allow pupils to be admitted to our school in a way that is fair and equal to all.

Objectives

- All pupils are treated equally, with no consideration to their academic ability or background.
- All applications are treated equally, based on the Local Authority criteria.
- Applications are considered equally where places are available in school.
- The intake number for Reception is 30.

Applying For Places at Worsthorne Primary School

The Local Education Authority (Lancashire) publishes guidelines for admissions which can be found within their booklets "Primary Admissions" and "Secondary Admissions". These are available either through school or Pupil Access Team, Area Education Office (East) Union Street, Accrington, BB5 1PL, in October/November each year. These guidelines show the admissions criteria currently used to admit pupils to our school. Please note that the area education office offer places and not the school for both Primary and Secondary.

Completing an application form only gives an indication of preference for the school of your choice. It does not guarantee a place or allow for places to be saved.

When our school is oversubscribed on parental preferences, then the Local Authority applies the following priorities in order:

1. Children in public care at the time when preferences are expressed and who are still in public care at the time of the offer of a school place, and those who have been previously looked after, then
2. Children for whom the Local Authority accepts that there are exceptional medical social or welfare reasons which are directly relevant to the school concerned, then
3. Children with older brothers and sisters attending the school when the younger child will start, then

4. Remaining places are allocated according to where a child lives. Those living nearest to the preferred school by a straight line (radial) measure will have priority.

Admissions Appeals

Where a child is not offered a place at our school due to applications exceeding our admission number of 60, parents can appeal. If parents wish to appeal they can do so by applying to the Local Education Authority. The decision is then made by the Local Education Authority appeals panel.

Policy Review

This policy is reviewed each year. Any changes are made in accordance with the local authority guidelines.

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Person Responsible	Mrs S Nicholls
To be reviewed	Annually
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