



## Elland CofE (VA) Primary

### ADMISSIONS POLICY

#### Mission Statement

'Elland Church of England School's vision of Education is underpinned by Christian values. We are an inclusive school. We celebrate our children's achievements and allow them to reach their true potential.'

"Forward with children in our Hearts"

The Church established the School in 1846 when the Thornhill Charity School, opened in 1718 was incorporated. The School continues to be maintained by the members of St Mary's Church, Elland and All Saints Church, Elland.

The School was established to provide Education according to the teachings and principles of the Church of England for children from the ecclesiastical district or parish of Elland and immediate district.

Based on the Church of England Foundation the Governors will apply the following criteria, in the order given, to determine the admission of children to the School.

1. Looked after children where the Local authority and school governors, after discussion, deem the school to be the most suitable to deal with the individual needs of the child.
2. Children whose parents are active worshipping members of the Church of England, whose names are on the Parish Church Electoral Roll at St. Mary's or All Saints Churches, Elland;
3. Children who have a sibling registered at the School on the proposed date of admission;
4. Children whose parents seek admission for them on medical or social grounds this includes any children with disabilities. Such applications must be supported by a letter from the Area Medical Officer, or the Group Director, Schools and Children's Services Directorate or the Group Director of Health and Social Care;
5. Children whose parents are active worshipping members of the Church of England, whose names are on the Parish Electoral Roll of other churches;
6. Children of parents who are active worshipping members of the congregations of other churches within the Parish of Elland which accept the doctrine of the Trinity;
7. Children of other faiths whose parents positively select a school with a religious ethos;
8. Children living in the ecclesiastical parish of Elland;
9. Other children.

#### Notes

- (i) If the above criteria are insufficient to distinguish between applications, then the governors will allocate a place to the children who, at the time of registration, live nearest to the school by the shortest route as the crow flies, from the front door of the dwelling to the closest designated school entrance point.
- (ii) Parents seeking admission under criteria 1 or 4 should meet with the Headteacher and the chair of governors to discuss the suitability of the school before application.
- (iii) Parents seeking admission under criteria 2, 5 or 6 should complete a supplementary application form for admission on religious grounds. This form is in addition and not instead of the Common Preference Form at the back of this booklet.

#### Appeals Procedure

Where parents wish to appeal against the decision of the governors, the following procedure exists. Parents have the right to appeal to an independent appeals panel set up for this purpose. The notification of this wish to appeal should be made within 21 days receipt of this letter informing parents of the Governing Body's decision to refuse admission and should be addressed to: Clerk to The Aided Schools Appeals Panel, Church House, 1 South Parade, Wakefield WF1 1LP

#### Review

This policy will be reviewed in  
Policy agreed at the Governors' meeting on .....

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