

## Holy Trinity C of E (VA) Primary School

### Policy for Admissions

Our school aims to value and foster the intellectual achievements of each child, so enabling each one to fulfil their academic potential. We seek to promote an ethos within the school in which each individual feels valued and respected and is encouraged to make a positive contribution to home, school and society.

We seek to create an environment in which children will strive to discover and develop their capabilities and to lay the foundations of a healthy lifestyle.

Through its Christian foundation, the school seeks to bring each child to an understanding of its own and other faiths, and to experience prayer and worship as part of daily life. Looking at Jesus Christ as our example, we seek to encourage children to recognise the importance of honesty, integrity, compassion, responsibility and respect for themselves and others.

Decisions about admissions to the School and Nursery are made by the Governors, not the Local Authority,

(Please note also that admission to the Nursery does not impart any right to admission to the school if other criteria are not met.)

In determining admissions, the Governors will apply the following criteria in order of priority:

- 1) Looked after children.
- 2) Children whose parents or guardians are on the Ecclesiastical Electoral Roll of the benefice of Halifax Holy Trinity and St Jude, the Parish of St Paul's or the Halifax Parish Church. (Halifax Minster)

Parents who have moved to become resident in the parishes shown, having been on the Electoral Roll of another Anglican parish, will qualify upon proof of membership being provided by the priest of that other parish.

- 3) Children who are baptised members of the Church of England or other Christian Church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.
- 4) Children who do not meet any of the above criteria. Priority will be given to children of families who are worshipping members of:
  - i) An Anglican Church

- ii) Other Christian Churches accepting the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. (Supporting letters will be required).

Other Christian Churches (Churches Together in England)

The Baptist Union of Great Britain	Methodist Church
Cherubim and Seraphim Council of Churches	Moravian Church
Church of England	New Testament Assembly
Church of Scotland	Religious Society of Friends
Congregational Federation	Roman Catholic Church
Council of African and Afro-Caribbean Churches	Russian Orthodox Church
Council of Oriental Orthodox Christian Churches	Salvation Army
Free Churches' Council	United Reform Church
Greek Orthodox Church	Wesleyan Holiness Church
Independent Methodist Churches	Ichthus Christian Fellowship
Joint Council for Anglo-Caribbean Churches	International Ministerial Council of Great Britain
Lutheran Council of Great Britain	

- 5) Other children, who will amount to no less than 30% of the published admissions number, if there is a demand from children falling within this category which will include:

- ii) Siblings of children registered as pupils of the school on the proposed date of admission.
- iii) Other children.

Where the above criteria are not adequate to distinguish between requests for admission which cannot all be accepted without exceeding the Planned Admission Limit, priority will be decided on the basis of radial distance (i.e. "as the crow flies") from the school to the home of the applicant. Distances will be measured from the front entrance of the school on Savile Park Road to the nearest point of the applicant's residential property.

The child's ordinary place of residence will be deemed to be a residential property at which the person or persons with parental responsibility for the child resides at the closing date for receiving applications for admission to school.

Where parental responsibility is held by more than one person and those persons reside in separate properties, that child's ordinary place of residence will be deemed to be that property at which the child resides for the greater part of the week including weekends.

To assist the easy admission of your child to our school we stagger the intake of Nursery children. In Nursery children are admitted youngest first. A small number start on day one and then one additional child starts each day enabling each one to be "special". Children entering Reception start school on the same day

Policy to be reviewed January 2010

Policy agreed at the Governor's meeting held on 2 October 2008