

## **ST JOHN'S CE (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL RISHWORTH**

### **ADMISSIONS POLICY**

St John's is the community school for Rishworth and seeks to meet the needs of the locality through co-operation with parents/guardians, the Local Education Authority and the Diocese of Wakefield.

The policy aims to maximise, within the agreed accommodation limit, the number of children admitted to the school while maintaining the quality of their education by avoiding overcrowding in classrooms and premises, and overloading of teachers. The production of this policy has taken account of the school's Mission Statement particularly in relation to the Christian principles and values on which the school is based.

#### **Admissions to Reception class**

A child may be admitted to the Reception class provided that their fifth birthday falls between 1st September of the year of admission and 31st August of the following year, both dates inclusive.

The number of children that can be admitted to the Reception Class each year is currently 20. This number has been calculated according to the capacity of the school, which the law defines and has been agreed with Calderdale LEA.

Places will first be allocated to applicants on the basis of the priorities contained in this policy.

#### **Priority 1**

Pupils who are in Public Care.

#### **Priority 2**

**A.** Children with brothers and sisters registered as pupils of the school at the proposed date of admission AND whose parents regularly and frequently worship at St Bartholomew's, St John's, Barkisland and Deanhead churches.

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**B.** Children with brothers and sisters registered as pupils of the school at the proposed date of admission AND whose parents regularly and frequently worship at other Churches (within the parish) whose denomination is not necessarily Church of England.

(In all cases a supporting letter from the Parish Priest will be required as evidence)

**C.** Children with brothers and sisters registered as pupils of the school at the proposed date of admission.

**Priority 3**

**A.** Children whose parents regularly and frequently worship at St Bartholomew's, St John's, Barkisland and Deanhead churches.

**B.** Children whose parents regularly and frequently worship at other Churches (within the parish) whose denomination is not Church of England.

(In all cases a supporting letter from the Parish Priest will be required as evidence.)

**Priority 4.**

Proximity of the child's house to the school, as measured by a straight line measurement from the pupil's home to the closest designated school gate.

Distances will be calculated using the LA's Geographical Information System. To ensure consistency applies, all measurements will be carried out by the LA's GIS system and no other method of measuring distance will be considered.

Each property has a coordinate taken from Ordnance Survey ADDRESS-POINT data. This is the point which distance measurements will be taken from.

**NOTES**

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For the sibling criterion to be applicable one of the following conditions must exist:

- brother and/or sister to be permanently resident at the same address
- stepbrother and/or stepsister to be permanently resident at the same address (to include half brothers/sisters).

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 more than one person holds parental responsibility and those persons reside in separate properties, the 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.

If there are more applications in a particular category than the number of places available, the remaining places will be offered to the children whose permanent address is nearest to school - the distance being calculated as in Priority 4.

**This policy was agreed by the Governing Body on**