



A Foundation School

West Vale Primary School School Admissions Policy 2011

1. Admissions to Reception Class.

Pupils will be admitted and able to attend School in the academic year that they become five, i.e. if their fifth birthday falls between 1st September of the year of admission and the 31st of August of the following year, both dates inclusive. The number of intended admissions for the year commencing September 2011 is twenty six.

Places will be allocated at West Vale Primary School in the following order of priority:

Priority 1. 'Looked After Children' i.e. children who are in the care of the local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority (in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989)

Priority 2. Where a child has a brother or sister (to include step and half brothers/sisters) attending the School and, permanently, resident at the same address at the proposed date of admission.

Priority 3. Other children

If there is over-subscription within any category, then pupils will be admitted in the order of proximity of the pupil's home to the school.

Distance will be calculated using a straight-line measurement from the pupil's home to the closest **designated** school gate.

Distances will be calculated using the Local Authority's GIS system (Geographical Information System). To ensure consistency applies, all measurements will be carried out by the Local Authority'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.

The Governors will keep a waiting list of the names of applicants who have not been allocated places at the school and these will be ranked in descending order according to the over-subscription criteria outlined above.

2. Admission to Year 1 - Year 6

The number of children admitted to each year group is twenty six which maximises the number of children in school whilst maintaining the quality of education and avoiding overcrowding in classrooms/premises and overloading of teachers.

Children will be admitted to these year groups only if there is a vacant place.

In the event of a child being refused a place at the school, parents will be informed of their right to appeal.

Review and Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed at least annually.

Agreed by Gov Body October 09