

# Haresfield C of E Primary School

## ADMISSIONS POLICY



*Haresfield Church of England Primary School provides a secure and creative environment where individuals are valued, nurtured & encouraged to achieve all they can. It is supported by effective partnerships with parents and the community and is underpinned by its Christian ethos.*

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

New regulations governing admissions come into effect from September 2002. These are designed to ensure that no infant class is ever allowed to have more than 30 pupils in it, unless the school employs two teachers for the class. They are also designed to give parents maximum choice over preference of school while at the same time seen to be fair, clear and objective. They must be seen to be for the benefit of all children including those with special educational needs. Therefore this statement is actually a summary of the local authority's policy only.

### **2. AGE OF ADMISSION**

Children who will be five years in the next school year, 1<sup>st</sup> September – 31<sup>st</sup> August, are eligible for admission in September of that year. However, parents are now able to 'book' a place for their child from the September but arrange with the Head Teacher for the child not to take up that place until a later date. Entry is staggered, with the youngest children attending mornings only for the first two weeks, but this is dependent on the individual child. Please refer to the Early Years Policy for more details.

### **3. ADMISSION NUMBERS**

We are obliged to accept up to 15 children each year, as this is the standard number for admissions set for us by the LA.

### **4. ADMISSION CRITERIA**

If admission for places exceeds the standard number then the LA will be informed immediately. They will then decide who could attend the school. The following criteria would be applied in the order set out below:-

- First priority would be given to children with siblings already attending the school.
- Proximity of the child's home to the school.

Under no circumstances would any test of ability or aptitude ever be used to determine who to admit or who to refuse. We are a voluntary controlled school dedicated to serving the local community.

### **5. APPEALS**

All appeals will be dealt with by the LA.

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