

BEESTON HILL ST LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND
(VOLUNTARY AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL
ADMISSION POLICY 2020-21

The admissions number is 60 for the academic year. For admissions to school all applications must be made on the common preference form. A separate supplementary information form (SIF) available from the school must also be completed at the time of application. In the event that there are more than 60 applicants the oversubscription policy will be applied to all applicants except those children in categories A.B.C.

Category 1 where all children will automatically be offered a place.

- A. A child who has an Educational Health Care Plan which names Beeston Hill St Luke's CofE Primary School
- B. Looked after children' including those who were looked after but have become subject to adoption, residency or special guardianship order
- C. A child or main carer has exceptional medical or mobility needs which can only be met at this school. In order to be considered under this category the application must be supported by a written recommendation from the appropriate medical professional.

In the event that there are more applications than there are places available, applications will be allocated on the following oversubscription criteria:

- 2 A child who has a brother or sister and who will still be on the roll of the school at the expected date that the younger child is due to start (brother or sister being blood relations or adopted or fostered and living within the same household)
- 3. The child and parent/ guardian regularly and frequently worship(s) at St Luke's Church
- 4. A child who lives within St Luke's Parish. A map is available in school and attached to this policy
- 5. The child and parent/ guardian regularly and frequently worships at another Christian church which is affiliated to Churches Together in Britain and Ireland or one in full sympathy with its Trinitarian Creed
- 6. The child and parent/ guardian regularly and frequently attend a place of worship according to any of the following faiths: Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism
- 7. Any other children

Shared Care

Only one address can be used on your application for a school place. Where shared care arrangements are in place, both parents must agree which address will be used on the application, and this should be the address where the child lives for the majority of the school week. If no joint declaration is received by the closing date for applications, the governors will determine which address will be used, based on where the child spends the majority of the school week. In instances where the child spends equal time with each parent, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with the doctor.

Tie breaker

Where the offer of places to all the applicants in any of the categories listed above would still lead to oversubscription, the available places will be offered to those living nearest to the school. Straight line distance will be measured from the centre of the main school building to your home address. The home address to be used for this purpose will be the one submitted on the application form. The point we measure to at your home address is determined by the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG), which provides coordinates for every dwelling. If we are not able to match your address with the LLPG then we will use a manually identified point at the centre of your dwelling. If the tie break is equal, then the places will be decided by Random Allocation.

APPLICATION NOTES

Applications under criteria 2, 4, and 5

Applicants seeking a place under criteria 2, 4 and 5 will be asked to produce a reference from their minister or religious leader on the Supplementary Information Form (see attached to this policy) to confirm that they attend worship regularly and frequently. 'Regularly and frequently' is defined as attending their place of worship at least once per month and for at least 18 months before the closing date of the application. Where a member of the clergy has moved into the catchment area and now regularly attends St Luke's church, they will be placed into category 2.

The governors will admit pupils in midyear, on the above basis, if vacancies occur.

Admissions outside the normal admission round

Parent(s) can apply directly to the school at any time for an in-year transfer. An application form is available from the school or from the Local Authority. Parent(s) will also need to complete a supplementary information form (SIF) (see attached to this policy). Parent(s) will be notified by the school of the outcome of the application.

Where a family has moved into the area from abroad, another part of the country or city, and the child is effectively out of education, the application will be considered for an immediate start in the school, if there is a place available.

Where parents simply wish for their child to change schools, the application may be considered for the start of the following term.

Admission of children below compulsory school age

- Children who are offered a reception place in the school will be able to start in the September following their fourth birthday
- Parents may request that the date their child is admitted to the school is deferred until later in the same school year or until the child reaches compulsory school age in that school year
- Parents may request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age
- Requests for a child to start their schooling on a part-time basis or to defer the start until they reach compulsory school age should be addressed to the headteacher
- Compulsory school age is the beginning of the term following the child's fifth birthday

The arrangements in this policy are for admission to the main school and do not apply to those being admitted to nursery. **Attendance at the nursery does not guarantee a place in school and parents must apply for a place in the reception class using the LA common preference form.**

Deferred entry to school Children educated outside of their chronological age group A request may be made for a child to be admitted outside of their normal age group, for example if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. In addition, the parents of a summer born child (a child born between 1st April and 31st August) may request that the child be admitted out of their normal age group, to reception rather than year 1. Parents should still apply in the normal admission round for 2020, and indicate their request on the preference form – specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested and the year group in which they wish their child to be allocated a place. In addition, applications should be made by letter addressed to the Headteacher and any relevant accompanying evidence should be attached. These applications must be submitted to the School by the closing date. These applications will be put before the Governing Body who will consider the applications and notify the parents in writing whether the request is agreed.

There is no right of appeal against a decision relating to admission out of chronological age.

TIMETABLE for admission to Reception

- **15th January 2020** is the closing date for applications for a place in Reception.
- Applications can be made either on line or on the common preference form (CPF).
- All application must be accompanied by the school's supplementary information form (SIF). This must also be completed and returned to the school by the same date.
- Completed forms can be handed in at the school office where they will be forwarded to the admissions team. Completed forms may also be return directly to the Local Authority. Parents are also able to register their preferences on-line with the Local Authority.
- Application forms received after the closing date will only be considered when allocations have been made from those applications received on time.
- Parents will be notified of the result of their application by the Local Authority, on behalf of the governors, on **16th April 2020**.

APPEALS

Appeals against the refusal of a place must be made by parent(s) in writing to the Clerk of Appeals Panel. These must be sent to the headteacher at the school within 20 days of the parent(s) receiving notice that a place has not been offered. Further details of the appeals procedure is available from the school on request or via the school's website at www.bsl.leeds.sch.uk

WAITING LIST

Where an application is unsuccessful, the child's name will be placed on a waiting list at the request of the parents or guardians. All waiting lists will be held in criteria order of the admission policy and will close at the end of academic year – July 2021. Each time a child is added, the list is ranked again in line with the published oversubscription criteria in this policy. Under the Admissions Code, looked after children, previously looked after children, and those allocated a place at the school in accordance with a Fair Access Protocol must take precedence over those on a waiting list.