

ST. GEORGE'S C. E. PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHURCH LANE NEW MILLS HIGH PEAK SK22 4NP

Admission Arrangements 2018-2019

St. George's is a Voluntary Aided primary school and has links to the local parish church and consequently has a religious ethos and character.

The ethos of this school is Christian and under the auspices of the Church of England and the Derby Diocesan Board of Education. We ask all parents applying for a place here to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the right of parents who are not of the faith of this school to apply for and be considered for a place here.

The School admits children to the Reception class in the September following the child's fourth birthday. (The school year runs from 1 September to the 31st August.) All parents/carers are entitled to a full-time place for their child in the Reception class from September, but may defer entry until the beginning of the term after their child is five years old (ie, when the child reaches compulsory school age) or until the beginning of the Summer term whichever is earlier. Children may attend part-time until their child reaches compulsory school age. Parents/carers who have been offered a place at the school and wish to defer entry for their child and/or attend part-time must put this in writing to the Headteacher at the earliest opportunity and before the start of the Autumn term.

Admissions will be subject to the co-ordinated scheme, which will enable parents to apply for up to three primary schools and receive a single offer of a school place. Parents will have to complete a common application form provided by the LEA, in order to apply for places at all schools. The Authority will then act as a clearinghouse for the admission of all Derbyshire pupils.

Children who have an Education and Health Care Plan, where the school is named as being the most appropriate educational setting for the child, will be admitted.

Selection Criteria:

1. Children who are subject to a Child arrangement Order, (are those children who are either looked after by the Local Authority or children who are looked after, but cease to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
2. Children with a sibling already on the school roll at the time of application and admission. For the reasons of clarity a definition of sibling is as follows:
 - A brother and/or sister
 - A half-brother and/or half-sister
 - A legally adopted child regarded as a brother or sister
 - A step-brother and/or step-sister residing in the same family unit.
3. Live in the normal catchment area served by the School. A map defining the catchment area forms part of this policy and can be viewed in school upon request.

4. Request for C of E education for those resident outside the normal catchment area. In this case children of whom at least one parent or carer has regularly (1) worshipped at St. George's Church, or any other Anglican Church, for a period of at least one year prior to the date of application and (2)
 - (1) Regular means an average attendance of once per month
 - (2) Church attendance must be verified by a letter from the relevant priest, minister or churchwarden.
5. Resident in the Parish of St George's Church but outside the catchment area. A map defining the Parish of St. George's Church forms part of this policy and can be viewed in school upon request. The home address is determined by the address which child benefit/tax credit is paid to.
6. Other children whose parent(s) have requested a place.

Notes:

Parent/Carer

A parent/carer is any person who has parental responsibility or care of the child. Where admission arrangements refer to 'parents attendance at Church' it is sufficient for just one parent to attend. 'Family members' include only parents and siblings.

Place of residence

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, the child's ordinary place of residence will be deemed to be that property at which the child resides for the greatest part of the week, including weekends. Documentary evidence of ownership or rental agreement maybe required together with proof of actual permanent residency at the property concerned.

The order of applicants within any of the above criteria will be determined by their proximity to the school. This will be by the nearest available route. The local authority, Childrens Services Department, has a Geographic Information System (GIS) to assist where it is necessary to measure by the nearest available route. It is anticipated that this will be available to measure by a standard walking distance calculated to within 2 metres. This measurement is taken from the postal address on file, normally the house front door. For schools the grid reference is again taken from the postal address file and will be the centre of the school. In the case where the distance between two or more children's home and the school is equal, lots will be drawn for admission.

Schools designated by the Secretary of State as having a religious character (faith schools) are exempt from the provisions making it unlawful to discriminate on the grounds of religion or belief when oversubscribed in the terms on which it offers to admit a child as a pupil or by refusing to accept an application to admit him as a pupil. Other exceptions for faith schools concern:

- a) The content of the curriculum; and

- b) Acts of worship or other religious observance organized by or on behalf of an educational establishment (whether or not forming part of the curriculum).

Children will not be discriminated against due to religion, disability, race, colour or gender.

Our planned admission level for 2018/2019 is 30 in KS1 and 32 in KS2. All applications are considered against each school's published admissions number. If there are more applications than there are places available at a school, places will be allocated according to the school's published admissions criteria. If a place can be offered at more than one school, then a place will be offered at the highest priority school for which the child is eligible.

It is not a requirement for parents to fill in any other supplementary forms.

'The County Council will provide information to all Derbyshire Infant and Primary schools to alert parents of the need to apply for a Reception school place. In addition the Council mounts a County wide publicity campaign to raise awareness of the application procedure. Full details of the procedure and Derbyshire's Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme Intake Timetable are available at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions or in the Authority's guide for parents'.

Appeals - When parents are unable to obtain a place for their child at the school they want, they can appeal against the decision to an appeal panel independent of the council and the school. You can get more information and make your appeal online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions. Details of appeals procedure for all Derbyshire primary schools can be obtained by contacting the Admissions and Transport Team by emailing admissions.transport@derbyshire.gov.uk or by phoning 01629 537499'.

This policy has been approved by the Governing Body.