

St Michael's Church of England High School

Admission Arrangements 2010-11

Making an application

Applications for admission to the school should be made on the common application form enclosed with the Local Authority's brochure and also on the diocesan supplementary form between 1 September 2009 and Friday, 16th October 2009. It is not normally possible to change the order of your preferences for schools after the closing date.

Parents must complete the Local Authority application form. Parents who wish their application to this church school to be considered against the faith criteria should also complete the supplementary form. If the school is oversubscribed, a failure to complete the supplementary form may result in your application for a place in this school being considered against lower priority criteria as the Governing Body will have no information upon which to assess the worship attendance.

Applications may also be made online by using the common application form but the diocesan supplementary form must be completed on paper and sent to the school by Friday 16th October.

Letters informing parents of whether or not their child has been allocated a place will be sent out by the Local Authority on 1 March 2010. Parents of children not admitted will be informed of the reason and offered an alternative place by the Authority.

Admission procedures

Arrangements for admission have been agreed following consultation between the governing body, the Diocesan Board of Education, Local Authorities and other admission authorities in the area.

The number of places available for admission to Year 7 in the year 2010 will be a maximum of 220.

The governing body will not place any restrictions on admissions to Year 7 unless the number of children for whom admission is sought exceeds their admission number. The Governing Body operates a system of equal preferences under which they consider all preferences equally and the Local Authority notifies parents of the result. In the event that there are more applicants than places, after admitting all children with a statement of educational need naming the school, the governing body will allocate places using the criteria below which are listed in order of priority.

- 1 (a) Children in public care

- (b) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school. *Professional supporting evidence from eg a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school in question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.**

2. Parent or child is a regular fortnightly worshipper at a church in membership of Churches Together in England. Regular fortnightly worship attendance is defined as a minimum of twice per month for a period of no less than 2 years up to the 1st September in the year of application for admission to the school. (*Two year period applies to Sept 2007 – Sept 2009*).The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant clergy or church officer. Preference will be given to involvement in churches in the priority order: *

- Foundation parishes served by the school:

<i>Adlington St Paul</i>	<i>Chorley St Peter</i>
<i>Brindle St James</i>	<i>Coppull Parish</i>
<i>Charnock Richard Christ Church</i>	<i>Coppull St John</i>
<i>Chorley All Saints</i>	<i>Euxton Parish</i>
<i>Chorley St George</i>	<i>Heapey St Barnabas</i>
<i>Chorley St James</i>	<i>Whittle le Woods St John</i>
<i>Chorley St Laurence</i>	<i>Withnell St Paul</i>
- Another Anglican parish
- Another Christian church with membership of Churches Together in England.

3 Parent or child is a regular monthly worshipper at a church in membership of Churches Together in England. Regular monthly attendance is defined as a minimum of once per month for a period of no less than 2 years up to the 1st September in the year of application for admission to the school. (*Two year period applies to Sept 2007 – Sept 2009*). The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant clergy or church officer. (Preference will be given to involvement in churches in the same priority order as listed under criterion 2).*

4 Parent or child is an occasional worshipper at a church in membership of Churches Together in England. Occasional attendance is defined as a attendance which is less once a month for a period of no less than 2 years up to the 1st September in the year of application for admission to the school. (*Two year period applies to Sept 2007 – Sept 2009*). The governors will request confirmation of this from the relevant clergy or church officer. (Preference will be given to involvement in churches in the same priority order as listed under criterion 2)*

5 Children who have a sibling attending the school on the date of application and on the date of admission. Siblings include step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address.*

6. Other children*

NOTE:

****Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where the cut off point is for addresses within the same building, then the single measure between address points will apply and the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).***

The list of Churches can be found on the Churches Together in England website at cte.org.uk. Churches in membership of the equivalent bodies in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales are also accepted.

For the avoidance of doubt, matters which the governors do not take into account in the allocation of places include the following:

a) Attendance at a church school

b) Attendance at church as part of normal school activity

c) Whether a child is confirmed or being prepared for confirmation

d) Whether a child is baptized

e) Academic abilities

Admissions information:

Last year there were 705 applications for 225 places. The Admissions Committee applied the criteria and ranked all pupils in order according to the criteria. The authority offered places to:

2 children under criterion 1; (*children in public care*)

170 children under criterion 2; (*fortnightly church attendance*)

49 children under criterion 3; (*monthly church attendance*)

4 children under criterion 4; (*Occasional church attendance*)

There were 16 children who fell into the fourth criterion so the tie break of distance was applied. The line was drawn at 0.46 miles. Children living further away from the school were placed on the waiting list.

Late applications for admission

Where there are extenuating circumstances for an application being received after the last date for applications, and it is before the governors have established their list of pupils to be admitted, then it will be considered alongside all the others.

Otherwise, applications which are received after the last date will be considered after all the others, and placed on the waiting list in order according to the criteria.

Waiting list

Where we have more applications than places, the admissions criteria will be used. Children who are not admitted will have their name placed on a waiting list. The names on this waiting list will be in the order resulting from the application of the admissions criteria. Since the date of application cannot be a criterion for the order of names on the waiting list, late applicants for the school will be slotted into the order according to the extent to which they meet the criteria. Thus it is possible that a child who moves into the area later to have a higher priority than one who has been on the waiting list for some time. If a place becomes available within the admission number, the child whose name is at the top of the list will be offered a place. This is not dependent on whether an appeal has been submitted.

This waiting list will operate for the full autumn term.

Address of pupil

The address used on the school's admission form must be the current one at the time of application, ie the family's main residence. If the address changes subsequently, the parents should notify the school. Where the parents live at different addresses, and there is shared parenting, the address used will normally be the one where the child wakes up for the majority of Monday to Friday

mornings. If there is any doubt about this, then the address of the Child Benefit recipient will be used. Parents may be asked to show evidence of the claim that is being made for the address, e.g. identity cards of various sorts showing the child's address as the one claimed. Where there is dispute about the correct address to use, the governors reserve the right to make enquiries of any relevant third parties, e.g. the child's GP, Council Tax Office, Electoral Registration Officer, utilities provider. For children of UK Service personnel and other Crown Servants returning to the area proof of the posting is all that is required.

Non-routine admissions

It sometimes happens that a child needs to change school other than at the "normal" time; such admissions are known as non-routine admissions. Parents wishing their child to attend this school should arrange to visit the school. They will be provided with an application form once they have a definite local address. If there is a place in the appropriate year, then the governors will arrange for the admission to take place. If there is no place, then the admissions committee will consider the application and information about how to appeal against the refusal will be provided. Appeals for children moving into the area will not be considered until there is evidence of a permanent address, e.g. exchange of contracts or tenancy agreement with rent book.

Please note that you cannot re-apply for a place at a school within the same school year unless there has been relevant, significant and material change in the family circumstances.

Appeals

Where the governors are unable to offer a place because the school is over subscribed, parents have the right to appeal to an independent admission appeal panel, set up under the School Standards and Framework Act, 1998, as amended by the Education Act, 2002. **Parents should notify the clerk to the governors at the school within 14 days of receiving the letter refusing a place.** Parents will have the opportunity to submit their case to the panel in writing and also to attend in order to present their case. You will normally receive 14 days' notice of the place and time of the hearing.

Fraudulent applications

Where the governing body discovers that a child has been awarded a place as the result of an intentionally misleading application from a parent (for example a false claim to residence in the catchment area or of involvement in a place of worship) which effectively denies a place to a child with a stronger claim, then the governing body is required to withdraw the offer of the place. The application will be considered afresh and a right of appeal offered if a place is refused.

Twins/Triplets etc.. Where there are twins wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the Governing Body will exercise as much flexibility as possible. If places for twins or all triplets, etc cannot be offered, the family will be advised accordingly. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group. If only a single place can be offered for twins, then the Local Authority's system for a random draw will decide which pupil receives an offer.

Supplementary form
Admission to Church of England schools, 2010

Name of child:

Surname Christian names

Date of birth Boy Girl

Name of parent/guardian

Address

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Post code

Telephone **Mobile**

Are you applying for a place because of: (You may tick more than one box)

Living in local area Special social/medical needs

Sibling in school Parental faith commitment

If you are applying on faith grounds, complete the following sections:

Place of worship one of parents / guardians regularly attends:

Name of place of worship

Address

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Name of vicar / priest / minister / faith leader / church officer :

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Address

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Post code Telephone

This named person will be contacted in order to provide the information.