

**BRONINGTON CHURCH IN WALES
V.A.P. SCHOOL**



ADMISSIONS POLICY

Pupils are admitted to the Nursery, which is incorporated into our Early Years Unit, in the academic year in which they attain their fourth birthday i.e. any child who is three by 31st August can be admitted in September.

Pupils are admitted to the Infant School (Reception) in the academic year in which they attain their fifth birthday i.e. any child who is four can be admitted in September. The planned admission number to the Infant School is 17 pupils each year.

The Education Reform Act, 1988 requires LEA's and Governing Bodies to admit pupils up to the standard number (17) unless to do so would be inconsistent with preserving the school's distinctive nature. Guidance on admissions is contained in Welsh Assembly Circulars.

In the event of admissions exceeding our standard number, the Governing Body will apply the following criteria in the order of priority shown:

- 1) Children residing in the ecclesiastical boundaries of Bronington and Bettisfield.
- 2) Children with siblings already attending the school in Reception, up to and including Year 5.
- 3) Children of parents who are:-
 - i. Communicant members of Holy Trinity Church, Bronington or St. John the Baptist's Church in Bettisfield.
 - ii. Are communicant members of other churches in the Church in Wales or the Church of England or who are members of a Church in another Christian denomination.
- 4) If it is necessary to decide between two or more applicants who fall into one of the above categories, then proximity of the home to the school will be used as a criterion.
- 5) Other children.

Appeals

Parents have the right to appeal against such a decision by the Governors not to allocate a place for their child at our school.

When informing parents of their decision, the Governing Body is obliged to remind parents of their right to appeal. Such an appeal would be to an Appeals Committee, addressed to The Chairman of the Appeals Committee at the school.