

St. Mary's Church in Wales School, Ruabon

ADMISSIONS POLICY

The Governing Body of **St. Mary's Church in Wales Aided School** applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend this school. The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 introduced a new framework for school admissions as of September 2000. This policy conforms to the regulations that are set out in that Act and also further explained in the statutory School Admissions Code of Practice and the statutory Appeals Code of Practice.

The following Admissions Policy has been adopted by the Governors of St. Mary's School with approval of the Local Education Authority. The Governing Body recognises the priority of providing an appropriate school place for a looked-after child, and is committed to work with the local authority and other agencies to ensure that the needs of looked-after children are met.

Places will be allocated up to the school's admission number of 24 without the application of any conditions. However should the number of applications exceed the admission number the following oversubscription criteria, listed in order of priority, will be used.

- a. the number of applications for places in reception exceeds 24
- or b. a place was requested for a child in any year group which already contained 30 children.

In such cases, the governors would use the following criteria to determine whether or not places would be offered.

1. Child who already has brother or sister attending the school at the time of application.
2. Parental involvement in the work and worship of the Parish Church of St. Mary's, Ruabon or of a Parish Church in the Deanery of Llangollen. Parental involvement in the work and worship of an Anglican Church outside the Deanery but have recently taken residence in the Deanery.
3. Parental commitment to a Christian Church other than the Church in Wales but with a desire for a specifically Christian background to the child's education. Proof of involvement to be furnished by vicar or minister.
4. Nearness of home to school as measured in a straight line.
5. Any other child.

Definitions and Interpretation.

Parental in this Policy means persons having legal responsibility for the children or taking a significant practical responsibility for the children.

Certain dates will be adhered to if there is an issue over subscription. These dates will follow the LEA guidelines and are reviewed and published annually by the school.

If at any cut off date the school is over subscribed all applications received will be dealt with in accordance with the criteria and will take priority over later applications.

The policy will be published in the school's information brochure and given to all potential applicant parents.

Appeals.

Under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 parents have the right of appeal if their application is unsuccessful. Appeals will be considered by an Independent Appeals Panel. If parents wish to appeal they should first contact the Chair of the Governing Body or the Headteacher who will advise them of how to contact the Independent Appeals Panel. Appeals should be addressed to the Diocesan Director of Lifelong Learning, Diocesan Office, High Street, St. Asaph, Denbighshire. LL17 ORD

This policy statement was last reviewed during the Summer Term 2007.