BRIMSCOMBE C E (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL
POLICY FOR ADMISSIONS 2023/24

Approved by:	Full Governing Body	**Date:**	December 2021
Next review due by:	November 2022		

Vision Statement:

We work together to create a safe, welcoming and happy environment rooted in Christian values. We provide rich opportunities and challenges for our pupils to learn. kindness, respect, courage, friendship and responsibility are at the heart of what we do. We support all our children in becoming confident, skilled and optimistic young people.

We aim to ensure that:

- All our pupils feel safe, secure and valued.
- Each child grows in spiritual awareness, knowing that their own views are respected.
- Everyone in our school understands tolerance and respects others.
- The school community promotes positive attitudes to relationships and learning.
- The school delivers a vibrant, innovative and forward thinking Curriculum fit for our times.
- We build a community of children, staff, parents and Governors that works together for the benefit of all.

The Governors are the admissions authority of this Voluntary Aided Church of England School. The indicated admission number is 15.

Information about the admission process is available from Gloucestershire County Council at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions If you need any more information, please contact the Coordinated Admissions Team at Shire Hall, Gloucester, GL1 2TP.

In the event of over subscription pupils will be admitted by reference to the following criteria in order of priority:

1. *A* 'looked after child' *(1)* or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption *(2)* child arrangements order (residency order) *(3)* or special guardianship order *(4)* including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (*5*).

(1) A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. In Gloucestershire, such children are referred to as Children in Care.

(2) This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Childrens Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders).

(3) Under the provisions of s.12 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which amend section 8 of the Children Act 1989, residence orders have now been replaced by child arrangements orders.

(4) See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

2. Children who have an older sibling attending Brimscombe Church of England Primary School and will continue to do so when the younger child is admitted.
   A sibling refers to "brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner as well as children who are brought together as a family by a same sex civil partnership. In every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address, at the time of application."

3. Children who live in the ecclesiastical parish of Brimscombe whose parents have active connections with *Holy Trinity Church, Brimscombe or Brimscombe Methodist Church.
   ***** Active connection means being a regular worshipping member of the church at least once a month. Where parents/guardians fall into this category, they will be asked to provide a letter of support from the Minister.

4. Children of families who live in the ecclesiastical parish of Brimscombe.
   (A map of the Parish may be inspected at school).

5. Children for whom only one particular school is appropriate due to an exceptional medical condition. (*Applications under this criterion will only be considered if they are supported by a written statement from the child's doctor. This must demonstrate that there is a very specific connection between the medical need and the facilities or resources of the school concerned.)*

   The school is required to admit a child with an Educational Health Care plan (EHC) that names the school, even if the school is full.

6. Children of families living outside the ecclesiastical parish of Brimscombe whose parents have active connections with Holy Trinity or other Christian churches, (being a member of Churches Together in England).

7. Any other children whose parents wish them to attend the school.

In the event of over subscription in any of the criteria above, places will be given to those children with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

In the event of a tie involving two or more children when applying the strongest geographical claim based on straight line distance where there are not enough places available to offer all children a place at the school, a process of random allocation will be followed by the Governing Body.

If parents are not offered a place, they have a right to appeal to Governors.

Parents/guardians have a right to appeal against refusal by the Governing Body to admit their child to the school. Any parents/guardians wishing to exercise this right must put their appeal, in writing, to the School. Independent Appeals will then be arranged by the Governing Body

assisted by the Local Authority and conducted in accordance with the Code of Practice on Admission Appeals. Further details of the appeals procedure are available by contacting the school

In Year Admissions
Any applications made outside the normal year of entry to the school must be made directly to the school. Governors may admit over the PAN at their discretion where they feel it is the most appropriate school for the child; it will not compromise the education of the children in the school or negatively impact on numbers at other neighbouring schools.

NB: After an offer of a place has been made the child will be expected to start school within 15 working days.

Admission of Summer Born Children for Reception Entry
The Governing Body acknowledges the updated advice from the Department of Education that, parents/carers of "summer born" children (born between 1 April and 31 August) may request to start the Reception Class of a school a whole academic year later. We follow the Local Authority process which states that parents can only apply for a Reception place at a school once and must apply for a place during the standard application process timeline for their chronological year group, stating their reasons for requesting deferred entry to the following year. The Governing Body will decide whether the deferred entry can be approved for the school.

Normal Admission Round
The term 'normal admissions round' refers to all applications for admission to the main year of entry of the school i.e. Reception for Infant and Primary Schools. Applications made during the normal admissions round will be made in advance of the academic year in which the child is due to start at the new school. Children are entitled to a full-time place, however, may attend part-time until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age.

Waiting Lists
If the school is oversubscribed, a waiting list will be held for (at least) the first school term (i.e. until the end of the December term). The waiting list will be prioritised according to the school's oversubscription criteria.
The school has signed up to the In-Year Fair Access Protocols held by the Local Authority. Should a vulnerable child within these Protocols require a place at the school, they will take precedent over any child on the waiting list.

Transport
No school transport is available for Brimscombe C of E Primary School

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