

Bridstow C.E. Primary School

Admissions Policy September 2009 for 2010/11

Bridstow CE Primary School is a Voluntary Aided School. This means that the Governing Body is responsible for the admission of pupils to the school.

The overall capacity of the school has been determined to be 105 places, which means that up to 15 children can be admitted into the reception class each year. This figure of 15 is known as the published admissions number, and is formally published by Herefordshire Council in their Information for Parents' booklet, and in the school prospectus.

If the number of applications received is above the published admissions number, the governors have decided to follow the following convention in allocating places at the school:

1. Places then be allocated to children who are in the 'looked after' system, where the approved agencies agree that Bridstow CE Primary School meets the child's social, pastoral and educational needs.
2. Those children living in the catchment area of the school, as defined by the Herefordshire Council, will be considered next.
3. Those children who have a brother or sister on roll at Bridstow School at the time of admission are next to be allocated places.
4. Children of families who are actively involved in the worship, life and work of a Christian Church, supported by a statement from the parish priest or minister of that church are then considered.
5. Pupils who live nearest to the school by the shortest available walking route (nb – the Governing Body will use the policy of Herefordshire Council in determining such distances).

Supplementary Notes

- * A child in the 'Looked After System' is defined as being one who is in the care of the local authority or is provided with accommodation by that authority, as defined in section 22 of the Children Act 1989.
- * Regular attendance at a service of worship will be defined as once per month. 'Active involvement' statements should indicate the contribution of the family to the work of the church or faith establishment.
- * The Christian nature of our school does not preclude applications from members of faiths other than the Christian Church. These will be considered based upon the same criteria as above.
- * If an application for admission is denied, it must be based upon the criteria above. Parents then have the right to appeal to the Governing Body in the first instance, and further to an independent panel, organised by the Diocesan Office. The school will be pleased to provide details if required.
- * Where it is clear that over-subscription is likely, the school will endeavour to inform parents as early as possible that this is the case, in order to allow all options to be considered early in the process.