

THE VENERABLE BEDE C E ACADEMY



Admissions Policy
2013 -14

Introduction

We are delighted that you are considering our school for your child's education.

We believe that our school is at the heart of the community, offering inclusive education irrespective of personal beliefs.

We are a neighbourhood School; open to all.

We are able to admit up to 180 students into Year 7 in September 2013. All children who apply will be offered a place unless the school is oversubscribed.

Application Process

Applications must be made on the Local Authority Common Application Form (CAF) and returned to the Local Authority.

If the school is oversubscribed, then the following priorities will apply:

1) CHILDREN IN CARE/ADOPTED CHILDREN

(Looked after children and previously looked after children. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted).

We will admit children who are looked after by a Local Authority in accordance with section 22 of the Children's Act 1989(b) at the time of the application for admission to the school is made. The Local Authority must provide written confirmation that the child will still be looked after at the time of admission to the school. We will also admit children who are adopted.

2) SIBLINGS

We will admit children who will have an older sibling in the school at the time they join. We define the term sibling to mean an older brother/sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

3) PARTNER PRIMARY SCHOOLS

We will admit children from our agreed Partner Primary Schools:

- Benedict Biscop CofE Academy
- St Paul's CofE VC Primary School
- New Silksworth Junior School
- Ryhope Junior School

4) DISTANCE

The shortest safe walking distance from the school will be used to determine the order of admission. This distance will be measured from the centre of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system. This includes provision for cases where parents have shared responsibility for a child following the breakdown of their relationship and the child lives for part of the week with each parent.

Notes

- i. Where an application is found to contain false information the Governing Body reserve the right to withdraw their offer of a place.

RIGHT OF APPEAL: if you are not successful in obtaining a place for your child at our school, you have a statutory right of appeal. Further details are available from Mrs Gill Booth, Headteacher of the academy.