

Worlebury St Paul's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

School Admission Arrangements – 2017-18 School Year

Introduction	
1.	<p>The following information should be read in conjunction with the 2017-18 Coordinated Admission Scheme published by the Local Council in which area the child subject to the application lives (the home Council). For those living within North Somerset, the school's admission arrangements for Reception Intake are in conjunction with the North Somerset Co-ordinated Admission Scheme for new intake primary admissions for 2017-18. To see a copy of the scheme contact North Somerset Council (see No.7 below for contact details).</p> <p>These Published Admission Arrangements comply with the requirements of the School Admissions Code and the Schools Admission Appeals Code, issued by the Department for Education - www.education.gov.uk.</p> <p>The Governing Body will review these admission arrangements annually and if any changes are proposed, a public consultation will be undertaken.</p>
2.	<p>Worlebury St. Paul's Church of England Primary School is a Voluntary Aided School with close links with St Paul's Church, Kewstoke, and St Peter's Church, Milton. The Governing Body, in accordance with the School's Voluntary Aided status, is responsible for admissions to the school.</p>
3.	<p>The Governors wish to reflect the Christian character of the school and its links with the local Christian community in its admissions practice.</p> <p>It is the Governors' intention to ensure equality of opportunity for all children seeking places within the school, subject to the criteria listed below in the event of over-subscription.</p>
4.	<p>The Admission Number for the school is 30 and this is the number of places normally available in each year group. The Governing Body, acting in accordance with national legislation, set this number.</p>
The over-subscription criteria for the 2017-18 school year	
5.	<p>If the school is not over-subscribed for Reception Intake all new intake applicants will be offered a place. If the school receives more Reception Intake applications than the Admission Number the following criteria will be used to determine who will be allocated the places. All applications will be ranked in accordance with the criteria below given in order of priority.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Children in Care at the time of application and children who were previously in Care but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order) immediately following having been in Care. b. Children with a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission.

- c. Children who worship or children with parent(s) who worship, regularly at St Paul's Church, Kewstoke or St Peter's Church, Milton.
- d. Children who worship or children with parent(s) who worship, regularly at, in order:
 - i) Another Anglican church
 - ii) Another Christian church
- e. Children living closest to the school. The distance will be measured in a direct line between the address point of the child's home and the main entrance marker for the school indicated on the North Somerset Council's computerised system(s).

Under criteria c and d it is essential that you complete the Supplementary Information Form below. It is essential that the Supplementary Information Form is signed by the Minister, Vicar, Priest or Church Leader. You must then submit the signed Supplementary Information Form to the school by post, hand or attaching it to an email by the closing time and date in order to be considered in the first round of allocations. Failure to do so will invalidate the application using these criteria in the first round of allocations. The Governing Body expect regular worship to be at least twice a month for a period of not less than six months.

Please note - the Supplementary Information Form must confirm this.

These criteria cannot be applied to applications received after the initial allocation of places has been completed if the admission number has already been reached.

Priority within each criterion will be determined by applying criterion (e)

Where the direct line distances are equal the ranking of applications will be made by drawing lots.

There is a different procedure for children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education, Health and Care Plan. Their parents should apply for a place via the service dealing with Special Educational Needs in their home council. Where Worlebury St. Paul's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School is named in a child's Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education, Health and Care Plan, the Admission Authority is legally required to admit the child to the school. Where Worlebury St Paul's C of E Primary School is named in the Statement or Plan, such children will therefore be allocated places before the over-subscription criteria are applied. Applications of this type will take priority over all other requests for places.

- 6. The school will hold a list of those Reception applicants still seeking a place at the school, until 31 December 2017. Applications will be ranked in line with the school's over subscription criteria and allocations will be made in accordance with it. Each added child to the list will require the list to be ranked again in line with the above published oversubscription criteria. Priority will not be given on the basis simply of the date an application was added to the list. Children who are the subject of a direction by a council to admit, Children in Care, Children previously in Care or those who are allocated a school in accordance with a Fair Access Protocol for school places, will take

	precedence over those on the waiting list.
	Additional Information
7.	<p>Reception Intake only:</p> <p>i) Applications can be made online or on paper and should be submitted to your home Council. If you live in North Somerset you should apply to:</p> <p>Email: admissions@n-somerset.gov.uk Website: www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions Tel No: 01275 884078 Fax No: 01275 884753</p> <p>North Somerset Council, People and Communities, School Admissions and Transport Team, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare. BS23 1UJ</p> <p>Applications must be submitted by the closing time and date of 23:59 on 15 January 2017 in order to be considered in the first round of school place allocations.</p> <p>ii) Applications submitted after the closing time and date will be treated as late applications and so will not be considered in the first round of allocations except where both of the following are the case:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Such late applications are received before North Somerset Council has details of applications to other councils; • The applicant's home council has accepted them as if they had been submitted by the closing time and date. <p>All other late applications will not be considered until after the first round of allocations; this may mean that all of the places have been allocated. On-time applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application on 17 April 2017 by their home Council.</p>
	In-Year Applications
8.	<p>If there are more applicants than vacancies for any year group, In-Year applications will be considered in accordance with the above over-subscription criteria. An In-Year application form is available upon request from the school and/or North Somerset Council.</p> <p>The governing body can only consider an 'In-Year' application provided, if successful, the applicant could start school within 28 school days from the submission of the request. If a parent/carer of a summer born child is successful in their application to defer their child's entry to the reception year by a whole academic year, they must make a new application for a reception-aged place with all other applicants applying for a school place for the first time (from the September prior to the year of entry to school) The application will then be processed in accordance with these arrangements and over-subscription criteria where applicable.</p> <p>The school will, where appropriate, consider allocations for children identified as being from vulnerable groups in accordance with the North Somerset Council's Fair Access Protocol (full details available from North Somerset Council).</p>

	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
9.	<p>Children in Care: (Over-subscription criteria a): 'Children in Care' are children who are (a) in the care of a local council or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local council in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).</p> <p>For Children previously in Care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 Children Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders) - child arrangements orders are defined in s.8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by s.12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replaced residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order - in accordance with Section 14A of the Children Act 1989, a Special Guardianship Order is defined as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).
10.	<p>Brothers and sisters (Over-subscription criteria b): A child is a brother or sister if they are a full, half, step or adoptive brother/sister of another child. To be considered as a brother or sister a child must be living at the same address for the majority of the time* as a full, half, step or adoptive brother or sister. Full and adoptive brothers/sisters are defined as children who have the same either biological or adoptive parents. Half brothers/sisters are defined as children who share only one either biological or adoptive parent. Step brothers/sisters are defined as children who are not necessarily related biologically (including Foster children) but are living in the same household for the majority of the time* at the address considered to be the address of the child for whom the application is made. * To be considered as living there for the majority of the time, a child must be living at an address for at least 50% of the time.</p> <p>A brother or sister must be attending (or is expected by the school and/or North Somerset Council to be attending) the school at the time of admission.</p>
11.	<p>Home address: A child's home address is considered to be the place where the child permanently and ordinarily resides for the majority of the time. This would normally be the same address as the person who has parental responsibility for the child as their main carer. Those moving should normally provide independent confirmation of the new address.</p>
12.	<p>Parent: This includes all of those people, including carers, who have parental responsibility for a child as set out in the Children Act 1989.</p>

<p>13.</p>	<p>Admissions of children outside their normal age group: Applications for delayed or accelerated entry in cases where parents would like their child to be admitted to a year group that is not the chronological age year group, will be considered. The reasons for the request must be fully explained in writing and included with the school place application form (or submitted separately where applying via an on-line service). Parents of summer born children (born on or between 1 April and 31 August) can ask the Admission Authority to admit their child into the Reception year one year after they would normally enter the school. The Governors will consider all such applications taking into account the social, emotional and educational needs of the child as often supported by education and other professionals and make their decisions accordingly.</p> <p>The decision to defer the entry to Worlebury St Paul's CofE VA Primary School can only relate to any application for Worlebury St Paul's CofE VA Primary School. Different admission authorities and schools are entitled to make their own decisions in relation to deferring a child's entry to their school. This also includes applications when children transfer from primary to secondary school. Parent/carers need to be aware that no admission authority can guarantee a successful application and they must consider the risk that they may or may not be offered a place in the future when considering the actions they follow in respect of their child's application to start school.</p> <p>Decisions will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child, taking into account, as appropriate, the following:</p> <p>the views of the parent, information about the social, emotional and academic development of the child as often supported by education and other professionals, the views of the Head Teacher, where relevant the child's medical history and the views of a medical professional, whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if they were not born prematurely.</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>Deferred Entry: Parents offered a place for children who have not yet reached their fifth birthday have the right to apply for a deferred entry to school. In these circumstances, parents can request that their child start school in the Reception year group at a later stage in the academic year. However, their child must be in full time education by the start of the term (term 1, 3 or 5 as appropriate) following his/her fifth birthday.</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>All children offered a place are entitled to a full time place in September following their fourth birthday.</p> <p>Parents may also request that that their child takes up their place part time until the child reaches compulsory school age.</p>
<p>16.</p>	<p>All applications will be considered equally regardless of the ranking of a parent's preference for the school.</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>Right of Appeal: Parents whose school place application is refused have the legal right to appeal against this decision. Details concerning how to appeal will be explained in the decision letter.</p>

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The school welcomes visits from parents.

Worlebury St Paul's CofE VA Primary School - Supplementary Information Form For Admission Starting 2017-18 School Year

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that the requirements, detailed in this Supplementary Information Form, are fully met prior to submission.

It is essential that this Supplementary Information Form is signed by the Minister, Vicar, Priest or Church Leader.

You must return this Supplementary Information Form to the school office by 23:59 on 15 January 2017.

To: The Governing Body of Worlebury St Paul's CofE VA Primary School
c/o Your Home Council (which is North Somerset Council for those living in North Somerset) ,
School Admissions & Transport Team.

Name.....ofChurch

Address.....ofChurch

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I can confirm that name of child
and/or..... name of their parent(s)/primary carer(s)
.....have attended the above mentioned
Church at least twice a month for a period of not less than the previous six months.

Please place a tick in the box of the criterion that applies in the case of your child:	
criterion c <input type="checkbox"/>	Children who worship or children with parent(s) who worship,regularly at St Paul's Church, Kewstoke or St Peter's Church, Milton. The Governing Body expect regular worship to be at least twice a month for a period of not less than six months.
criterion d <input type="checkbox"/>	Children who worship or children with parent(s) who worship, regularly at, in order: i) Another Anglican church ii) Another Christian church The Governing Body expects regular worship to be at least twice a month for a period of not less than six months.

Signed Dated

Print name

Position:
Minister/Vicar/Priest or Church Leader of equivalent status