

**Admission Policy. 2020/2021**

**Introduction**

St. Briavels is a Voluntary Aided Primary School, and as such, places great emphasis on encouraging Christian principles. However, this does not of course preclude non-Christian families from enrolling their children. It is important that parents are aware of the status of the school.

This policy and criteria should be read in conjunction with the Guide for Parents and Carers sent to you by the County Council with the Common Application Form. If you have not received a pack containing this Guide and Form, by the end of October 2020, you should contact the Schools Admissions Team (0-16), Shire Hall, Gloucester, GL1 2TP and arrange for one to be sent to you.

The Indicated Admission Number for admission per year for this school is 20, making the school's maximum capacity in the seven age groups 140 pupils.

There are five classes at present. This means that we do have to split some age groups. We are able to ensure that classes do not contain more than two years at any one time.

**Admission Criteria**

In admitting pupils to this school the following ordered criteria will be applied:-

1. Children in Public Care (Looked After Children)

The code now states that the highest priority for admission must be given to looked after children' or children who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. 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).

2. Children permanently residing in the Ecclesiastical and Local Authority Parishes of St. Briavels, Hewelsfield and Brockweir. (Map of these parishes can be found on the wall outside the School office.).

3. Siblings: A sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half-brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent's/carer's partner, and in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address. of present pupils living outside the area described in (2.) above. The sibling must still be attending the school at the time of admission of the younger child.

4. 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."*

5. 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.

6. Where any particular category at points 1-4 above is oversubscribed, criterion 5 (strongest geographical claim based on straight line distance) will be used to determine which child is offered a place.
7. In the event of a tie between two or more children when applying criterion 5 (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 Local Authority. This will be in the form of a manual process which is overseen by an independent person from the Council's Legal Services. Where twins or children from multiple births are part of a random allocation process they will be considered as one applicant.

### **Summer Born Children**

Admission of Summer Born Children for Reception Entry for St Briavels Parochial Primary School The Governing Body of St Briavels School 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.

The Governing Body will make a decision on behalf of St Briavels School. 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.

Any applications for admission to a school outside the normal year of entry must be made directly to the school.

Parents and guardians have a right of appeal to an independent appeals panel against any decision made by the governors, concerning the child's admission to the school. The school also requires a form to be completed for Administrative purposes.

Offers for entry into FS3 are posted to parents. However, should the application not be successful, parents have a right to an independent appeal. Appeal Forms can be obtained from the school office where the process can be explained to you. The closing date for appeals is 22nd May 2020.