

North Nibley C of E Primary School

Admissions Policy - September 2021 to August 2022

Policy status	Required.
Committee responsible for this policy	Admissions
Policy Determined	December 2019 (and amended in 2022 to incorporate a change in the law (Criteria 1).)
Policy review term	Annual
Policy due for renew	December 2020

A public consultation for this policy is required every 7 years. The Governing Body previously held a public consultation on its admissions policy between 08/12/2015 and 25/01/2016. The next consultation is due in the autumn of 2022.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Admissions Guidance Booklet available from Gloucestershire County Council for schools and academies.

For further information on admissions please contact the Admissions and Transfer Team at Shire Hall, Gloucester. GL1 2TP (01452 425407) or go to www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

North Nibley Church of England Primary School

North Nibley Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School, formerly the William Purnell Endowed School, was founded in the Eighteenth Century to provide education for the children of North Nibley and the surrounding villages.

***Our Vision is to inspire and celebrate learning,
achievement, faith and fun.***

Ours is a school that works in partnership with the community to enable and equip each child to live life to the full, reflecting the Christian values of our foundation.

We will realise our Vision by:

- demonstrating, as a Church school, our Christian values in action
- providing a happy, healthy and secure environment where all are respected, valued and encouraged to contribute
- encouraging participation and a love of learning by offering experiences full of opportunity and creativity
- pursuing excellence in every aspect of school life, supporting one another and celebrating the achievements of all

This policy supports our vision by making clear that the school is here to serve the community. The criteria are clear and transparent, compliant with legislation. The school values the contribution of every individual, irrespective of background and circumstance, who gains admission according to the criteria below.

North Nibley C of E Primary School has a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 15 children per year group. The Governors apply the following admission criteria in priority order.

1. The highest priority for admission must be given children in Public Care. This applies equally to Looked After Children, Previously Looked After Children and Internationally Adopted Looked After Children (LAC, PLAC and IAPLAC)

Definitions:

- A "Looked After Child" (LAC) 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.
- A "Previously Looked After Child" (PLAC) is a child who was looked after 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 looked after.
- An "Internationally Adopted Previously Looked After Child (IAPLAC) is a child who appears (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.

2. Where the family live in the Civil Parish of North Nibley – (see Appendix 1)

3. Where the child has at least one sibling still on roll in the School on the applicant child's admission.

Definition - a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister or the child of a 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.

4. Children for whom only this 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 a Doctor. This must demonstrate that there is a very specific connection between the medical condition and the school.

5. Where the family have an active connection* with St. Martin's Church, North Nibley, although not living in the Parish. 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.

*An active connection is defined as meaning attendance by members of the family at church services at least monthly subject to verification in person by churchwardens in respect of St Martin's Church.

6. Where the children are in other villages traditionally seen as the School's catchment area – (See Appendix 2) 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.

7. Where the children live in other villages in the School's catchment area. – (See Appendix 3). 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.

8. In the event of under subscription all other children will be considered in geographical distance order, 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.

Oversubscription

In the event of over subscription in any of the above criteria, places will be allocated to 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. Governors at this Voluntary Aided School also have recourse to a protocol for exceeding our PAN. Please refer to our website for details.

Appeals

If you are unsuccessful in obtaining a place for your child at North Nibley you have a legal right to appeal. If you wish to exercise this right, appeal forms are available from the School Office and should be returned to the school by the last working (school) day in May. Appeals received after this date cannot be guaranteed to be resolved before the start of the next school year.

Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP)

The school may be required to admit a child with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Educational Health Care Plan that names the school, even if the school is full, providing the school is the most appropriate place for that child.

Waiting lists

- If the school is oversubscribed, a waiting list will be held for (at least) the first term (i.e. the end of December term). The waiting list will be prioritised according to the school's admission criteria as listed above and applied at the time a space becomes available.
- 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 precedence over any child on the waiting list. (Paragraph 3.1 of the admissions code).

Normal Admission Round

The term 'normal admissions round' refers to the process by which an application is made for a place in our Reception Year Group. (In a secondary school, the 'normal admission round' would be for a Year 7 place.) 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, they may attend part-time until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age.

In -Year Admissions

The term 'in-year' admissions' refers to any application for a place AFTER the normal admissions round (for Reception in September) has ended. This can be for a variety of reasons, including moving from one school to another, and can, for Years 1 to 6, be for any time in the school year, and for the Reception Year Group any time after 1st September. The local authority does not co-ordinate in-year applications and those with parental responsibility should apply directly to the school.

Admission of Summer Born Children for Reception Entry

Our Governing body acknowledges the updated advice from the Department of Education that occasionally parents/carers of "summer born" children (born between 1 April and 31 August) may request a start in the Reception Year Group a whole academic year later. The Governing Body will make a decision on behalf of North Nibley C of E Primary 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.

Appendix 1* - Civil Parish of North Nibley (Priority 2)

ForthayPitt Court
Crowell Brook
Millend
Nibley Green
Smarts Green
Warend Hill
Southend
Waterley Bottom
3 houses on South side of Stinchcombe Hill (currently named as "Drakestone House" & "Drakestone Cottages")

***A map of the Civil Parish of North Nibley is attached (Added Sept 2018)**

Appendix 2* - Hamlets (Priority 6)

Stancombe
Stancombe Park Farmhouse
Stancombe Park House
Road Green
Blanchworth
Lower, Middle and Upper Wick.

Appendix 3* (Priority 7)

Stinchcombe
Cam
Wotton-under-Edge

