

# Wootton St Andrew's Church of England (VA) Primary School

January 2025



## **Admissions Policy**

### **Philosophy**

We believe that children should have a happy start to their school lives, with a smooth transition from home to school. We value whatever pre-school they have experienced and wish them to develop positive attitudes to learning and school. We do our best to understand the variety of situations that children come from. In a safe, caring and stimulating environment, we aim to lay foundations for their future learning at Wootton School.

The school has an early admissions arrangement. This is where a child is admitted into Reception at the start of the academic year in which they have their fifth birthday. Parents can defer the entry of their child until they reach compulsory school age i.e. the term after their fifth birthday, provided that the place is not taken up **within the same academic year**. A place will be held and will not be offered to another child.

Where the school has more applications than places the following criteria will be taken into account in priority order when deciding which pupils will be allocated places.

In accordance with the Code of Practice for Special Educational Needs, the allocation of school places for pupils with a statement of educational needs will take place before the allocation of other places as part of the annual admissions process. Where a school is named in a child's statement the school has a duty to admit the pupil.

Parents must complete a Common Application form, including a Supplementary form, to be considered for a place in Reception. The forms should be returned to either the school or the Local Authority by the stated date.

Parents wishing to make an application for any other year group must complete an "In Year" application form available from their home local authority. North Lincolnshire parents can download an "In Year Common Application Form" from the council's website.

We normally take up to 10 children each September. This is reviewed annually at the Autumn Term Governing Body meeting.

### **Criteria for Admissions**

- a. Children in public care (children in care). The definition of a 'child in care' is a person who is under the age of 18 who is provided with accommodation by a local authority, acting in its social services capacity, for a continuous period of more than 24 hours, by agreement with the parents or is subject of a relevant court order under Part IV of the Children Act 1989. Children who are looked after under short term placements (respite care) are excluded.
- b. Children whose main residence is within the parish of Wootton.

- c. Children with brothers and sisters already in this school.
- d. Children living in a family where at least one parent/carer is a regular worshiper at a Christian Church.
- e. Other children.
- f. Children whose main residence is nearest to the school. The distance will be determined by measuring the shortest available route using the public road network from the pupils' home to the main school gate, as determined by the LA.

### **Tie Breakers**

Where the offer of a place would lead to oversubscription under any of the above criterion places will be allocated by reference to subsequent criteria in order.

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