

Llanbedr Church in Wales Primary School

Ysgol Yr Eglwys yng Nghymru Llanbedr



Admissions Policy

2022

Admissions Policy for Llanbedr C in W School

This policy is formulated on the basis of the School's Trust Deed. As a Church in Wales VA School, the Governing Body is responsible for the admission of pupils. Admission forms can be obtained from the School and by emailing office@llanbedr.powys.sch.uk

Places will be allocated up to the School's admission number – currently 8 – without application of any conditions. There are no restrictions on admissions while there are places available in our school. However, should the number of applications exceed the admission number the following over-subscription criteria, listed in order of priority, will be used:

1. Looked after children who are baptised members of the Church in Wales.
2. Looked after children of other Faiths.
3. Siblings (including half & step brothers, sisters and foster or adopted children) of children attending the School.
4. Children of Church in Wales or Anglican families, living in the Vale of Grwyne group of parishes (Glangrwyney, Llangenni, Llanbedr Ystrad Yw, Patricio).
5. All other children living in the Vale of Grwyne group of parishes.
6. Children of Church in Wales or Anglican families living outside the Vale of Grwyne group of parishes.
7. Other children from outside the Vale of Grwyne group of parishes.
8. Children living nearest the School measured by the shortest walking distance.

The Governing body recognises the priority of providing an appropriate school place for Looked After Children, and for those with Additional Learning Needs and is committed to working with the Local Authority and other agencies to ensure that their needs are met.

Age of Admission

A child can be admitted to school (nursery) on a part-time basis from the beginning of the term following their third birthday. A child may be admitted to school, at the parent's request, on either a full or part-time basis at the beginning of the term of the child's fourth birthday.

By law all children must start school in the term immediately following their fifth birthday. Application forms for admission to the School are available at the beginning of the Autumn Term and should be completed and returned to the school by 31st March. Parents will be notified by 30th April whether or not a place has been allocated.

Admission Appeals

Under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 parents have the right of appeal if their application is unsuccessful. Appeals will be considered by an independent appeals panel. The information on how to appeal will be included with the letter informing you that your application was unsuccessful. If you exercise that right, the appeal must be forwarded to the Clerk of the Governors of the school. The appeal will be heard by an independent admission Appeal Panel, convened by the Diocesan Board of Statutory Education according to the Welsh Government's code of practice on school Admission Appeals. The Appeals Panel hears all appeals by parents who have been refused a place at our school. This decision is binding for all parties concerned.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Governing Body and neighbouring Admissions Authorities consulted. The Head Teacher will inform the Governors of the workings of the policy, annually. The policy will be formally reviewed at a staff meeting at least every three years, or more frequently should the annual review show it to be necessary.

Definition of Sibling

For applications made in the normal admission round a relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, stepbrother or stepsister, half-brother or half-sister or is an adopted or foster child living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year. Biological siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

Definition of 'Residing In' and 'Home Address'

The Home Address will be the address used for correspondence related to where the child lives and will be the address that complies with the application sent to the school. Parents have a responsibility to ensure that home address details are correct.