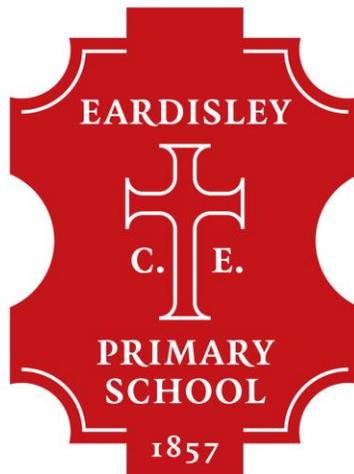


EARDISLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



ADMISSIONS POLICY 2014

Eardisley Church of England Primary School is a warm, friendly and

inclusive school, steeped in Christian values. As a Voluntary Controlled primary school we offer a Christian, foundation to welcome and serve children and their families of faith or no faith.

The Herefordshire Council admission procedure is fully explained in the booklet 'Information for Parents – Admissions and Transfers to Schools'. This booklet is sent to parents of 3 year olds by Herefordshire Council and is available by request from them. Our school admission policy statement is as follows:-

Children can be admitted to Eardisley CE Primary School in the September prior to their 5th birthday. We will adopt a flexible approach and discuss fully with parents the most appropriate options for individual children.

Date of Admission

Children reach compulsory school age at the beginning of the term following their 5th birthday but schools must provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday. Most children in Herefordshire, however, start school at least a term earlier than the law requires.

What happens if the school is oversubscribed?

Our Planned Admission Number (PAN) is 15. This is set by Herefordshire Council. However, if the number of applications exceeds the PAN for any one year group, the following criteria will be applied. When there are more applications than places, in a voluntary controlled school, children are admitted on the basis of the published policy listed in the following order of priority:

1. Pupils with a Statement of Special Education Need which names the school.
2. Looked After Children and children who were looked after,

- but ceased to be because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.
3. Pupils whose principal home address is within the catchment areas of the school; sorted firstly by sibling connection by distance and then by distance only.
 4. Pupils who have an older brother or sister at the school not only at the time of application but also when the younger child is due to start.
 5. Pupils with exceptional medical, social or compassionate grounds for admission and whose parents can show that entry to a particular school is necessary for the well being of their child. Parents are required to produce a medical certificate, or other appropriate information preferably from an independent source. The critical test applied is whether the school that is sought is the only one which can meet the individual pupil's needs.
 6. Pupils who live nearest to the school by the shortest available walking route.

If the admission of the top two categories can be satisfied, but there are insufficient places for all out of area brothers or sisters, priorities will be decided first by reference to exceptional circumstances and then according to distance.

Option for Part-Time Attendance

Children starting at Eardisley CE Primary School normally begin on a fulltime basis. If parents prefer, however, they can request that their child attends on a part-time basis until the child reaches compulsory school age. In some circumstances, it may be that an initial part-time attendance is advisable until the child is of compulsory school age.

Option for Delayed Entry

The law does not require a child to start school until the start of the term following their fifth birthday. The date compulsory school age is reached is determined by dates set by the Secretary of State for the autumn, spring and summer terms. These dates are 31 August, 31 December and 31 March. Therefore, parents are not obliged to take up the offer of a place in September and can delay the admission until the beginning of the spring or summer term in the term after the

child's fifth birthday.

Deferred Entry – Summer Born Children

If parents do wish to defer taking up a place for their child, they are strongly advised to discuss the matter first with the school or Pupil Admissions Office, and parents must apply for a place by the closing date for applications. Parents may choose to defer until compulsory school age. In the case of a summer born child, the admission would normally be directly into Year 1, missing out the Reception year, in order to keep the child in his or her year group. The school may not be able to guarantee a place if that year group has already reached the PAN. If parents wish to consider placing a child in the year group below the chronological age, they need to refer to the Herefordshire Local Authority policy, 'Children Out Of Year Document' available to view on

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/education/37894.asp

SignedChair of Governors

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