

North Nibley C. of E. (Aided) Primary School
Admissions Policy – September 2019 to August 2020

This Admissions Policy was determined in November 2017 by the Governing Body. 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.

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 Where the child is in Public Care (Looked After Children)

The highest priority for admission must be given to looked after children or children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.

Definition

A looked after child or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements order or special guardianship order.

- i. A looked after child is a child who is in the care of a local authority or 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 at the time of making an application to a school. In Gloucestershire such children are referred to as children in care.

- ii. This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children’s Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders)
- iii. Under the provisions of Section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014 which amend section 8 of the Children Act 1989 residence orders have been replaced by child arrangements orders.
- iv. See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a special guardianship order as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child’s special guardian.

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 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, as their own Admissions Authority, have a determined protocol for decisions on whether to exceed the PAN on a case by case basis. Please refer to our website for details.

9 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 for a September place. 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 a period of 365 days, after which the parents will be contacted to establish their continued wishes regarding a place at North Nibley C of E Primary School. 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 Local Authority's 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

Forthay
Pitt Court
Crowell Brook
Millend
Nibley Green
Smarts Green
Warend Hill
Southend
Waterley Bottom
3 houses on South side of Stinchcombe Hill

Appendix 2* - Hamlets

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

Appendix 3*

Stinchcombe
Cam
Wotton-under-Edge

***A map is available to view, on request. Please ask at the school office.**