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Bonsall Primary School is Church of England Voluntary Aided. We link with the church community through assemblies, Christian ethos, visiting speakers, and input from the Diocese towards the Christian element of our R.E. teaching. However, we pride ourselves on the inclusive nature of our school and we welcome children of all religious persuasions and indeed of none, valuing the contribution every individual makes towards broadening our understanding of the multicultural society

The school has a Published Admissions Number of 12.

Procedure

Admissions are subject to the co-ordinated scheme through the Local Authority. Parents will receive a single offer of a school place in accordance with Derbyshire's co-ordinated scheme intake timetable, details of which are available at: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions. The scheme allows parents to apply to up to three Primary Schools, placing them in order of preference. Applications will be considered against each schools' published admissions numbers. The dates for applications each year will be published by the L.A. and advertised locally.

You should complete the common application form provided by the L.A. which will act as a clearing house. Parents will receive a single offer of a school place towards the end of March.

Deferred and part-time entry

The School admits children to the Reception class in the September of the school year in which a child attains the age of 5 years. (The school year runs from 1 September to the 31st August.) All parents/carers are entitled to a full-time place for their child in the Reception class from September, but may defer entry until the beginning of the term after their child is five years old (ie, when the child reaches compulsory school age) or until the beginning of the Summer term whichever is earlier. Children may attend part-time until their child reaches compulsory school age. Parents/carers who have been offered a place at the school and wish to defer entry for their child and/or attend part-time must put this in writing to the Headteacher at the earliest opportunity and before the start of the Autumn term

Education out of normal (chronological) age group

Children are normally educated in school with others of their age group; however, in exceptional circumstances parents/carers may seek a place outside of their child's normal age group. Decisions will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case. Parents/carers must state clearly why they feel admission to a different year group is in the child's best interests and may provide recent professional evidence to support this. Further details of how to make such a request are available from the school.

Parents considering applying for places at the school may contact the Headteacher who will be very pleased to show them round the school and discuss all aspects of the school with them.

Appeals

Details of how to appeal can be found in the 'How to apply for a place at Primary School' booklet provided by Derbyshire County Council. You can also get more information and make your appeal online at: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Criteria to be used in the case of Over Subscription, after the admission of pupils with a Statement of SEN or Education Health Care Plan which names the school.

1. Looked after children, and previously looked after children, as defined in the School Admissions code in or outside the Parish (see note 1)
2. Children who live inside the Parish of Bonsall.
3. Children who live outside the parish who have brothers or sisters already at the school at the time of their admission.

n.b. The term brother or sister includes:

- a. A half-brother and/ or a half-sister.
- b. A legally adopted child being regarded as a brother or sister.
- c. A step-brother and/or step-sister residing in the same family unit.

4. Children who live outside the parish whose parents have requested a place.

In the event of over-subscription precedence will be given to the children living nearer to the school which is measured by a straight line distance from home to school.

Infant Class Size Regulations Infant classes of 5, 6 and 7 year olds may not, by law, contain more than 30 pupils with a single qualified teacher. Parents/ carers should be aware that when the Governing Body is considering applications for places, they must keep to this 30 limit. Parents/ carers do have a right of appeal in accordance with the Infant Class Size Regulations if the School is oversubscribed and their child is refused a place.

Waiting List

Children who are not offered a place will have their names entered on a waiting list in order of priority ranked by the admission criteria. The waiting list will be maintained until the 31st December of the following year. If a place becomes available it will be offered to the first pupil on the waiting list.

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If you have any enquires regarding the school or the admissions policy, please contact:

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Note 1 - Definition of looked after children or previously looked after children: A "looked after child" 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" is a child who: (a) ceased to be looked after because they were adopted, or (b) became subject to a residence or child arrangements order (under the terms of the Children Act 1989 Section 8 - an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live), or (c) became subject to a special guardianship order (see Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 - an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian [or special guardians]).

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