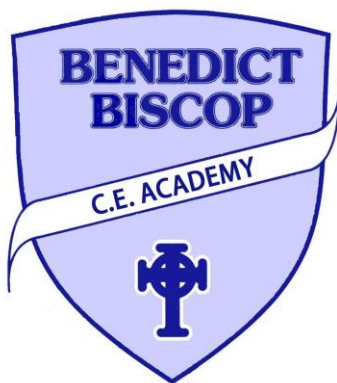


Benedict Biscop CE Academy



Nursery Admissions Policy 2020

The Governing Body of Benedict Biscop CE Academy is the Admissions Authority for the school on behalf of the Academy Trust. This means that a committee of the governing body consider all applications sent to them by the Local Authority, according to the criteria as stated below. This policy has been agreed following consultation between the Governing Body, the Diocesan Board of Education, all other Admissions Authorities in the area and interested parties and parents through our web site. This policy gives regard to the "School Standards and Framework Act 1998, as amended by the Education Act 2011," "School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admissions Arrangements (England) Regulations 2012" and "School Admissions Code, February 2012."

Applications must be made on the Common Application Form (available from the Local Authority) by the determined closing date and an offer will be made by the Local Authority on behalf of the school, on the National offer date. Applications, received after the closing date, will only be considered after all those received by the closing date have been considered. Parents must indicate which category they are applying for and should provide supplemental evidence in support of the application. This will enable the governing body to make an informed decision.

Parents (a parent is determined as a person with parental responsibility) have the right to express a preference for a school of their choice. In the first instance, all preferences expressed will be considered on an equal weighting basis, but where a child is eligible for more than one place it will be the highest ranked school/Academy for which they are eligible that they will be offered.

The Admission policy is applied if the number of applications exceeds the number of places.

We will admit 30 applications in accordance with the following criteria in the following order of priority:

1. Children who have an Education Health Care Plan which names Benedict Biscop CE Academy.

Looked After children. This refers to children who are looked after by a Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989(b) and children who were looked after, but ceased to be so, because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, residence order or special guardianship order). Parents are asked to send proof as supplemental information with their application form.

2. Looked After children. This refers to children who have been looked after, outside of England, but ceased to be so, because they were adopted. Parents are asked to send proof as supplemental information with their application form.
3. Siblings - children who have an older sibling attending the school, at the time of their application. Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, (foster brother or sister), or the child of the parent/carer's partner. This applies where the child for whom the place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.
4. Neighbourhood places - children living near the Academy will be admitted using the selection criteria, measured by the shortest, safest walking distance. Distance will be measured from the centre of the child's home address (including flats) taken to be the address in which the child resides, to the centre of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school, receiving the higher priority. Proof of residency will be sought ie a Council Tax Bill and should be sent in as supplemental information with each application. (no other means of proving residency will be accepted.)

Tie Breaker: if in any category, there may be more applicants than places available, then the shortest, safest walking distance from the school will be used according to criteria in category 4.

Notes and supplemental information:

If there is an incomplete application for a child, in circumstances where parents cannot agree on a preferred school or the main address where the child resides, the governing body will suspend the application until parents agree. This will mean that if the closing date has passed, your child will not be considered in the admission round and if all places have been allocated then your child will not be given a place.

Information given by parents which is found to be fraudulent will result in the offer of a place being withdrawn.

The admissions committee is required by law to consider the information supplied on the application form and the supplemental information asked for. It is very important that you take great care to ensure the details you provide are complete and correct before submitting

them. Any advice or support you require in completing this form can be sought via the school office.

Parents, who are unsuccessful in securing a place for their child at the Academy, have NO statutory right of appeal for nursery.

Children, who are unsuccessful in securing a place at the Academy, will be placed on a waiting list, which will be held by the Academy. Should a place become available then the admissions criteria will be applied again to every child on the waiting list at the time of the vacancy.

In some years where there is pressure on nursery admissions the governing body may admit up to a further 9 children. When this happens there will be a reduction in the number of rising 3 places from January.