

Bryncoch Church in Wales Primary School

Admissions Policy 2025/2026



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Policy Review

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ADMISSIONS POLICY



The Planned Admission Number is the number of pupils that the Governing Body will admit to a year group in the school. The Planned Admission Number for this school calculated by the Local Education Authority is 31. The Governing Body has resolved that the maximum capacity of each year group in the school will be 31 pupils.

For classes in Foundation Phase (i.e. containing pupils, the majority of whom will attain the age of five, six and seven years during the course of the academic year 2025/2026), the class size must not exceed 30 pupils, unless it included "excepted pupils" as specified by Regulation.

"Looked after" children and children with Special Educational Needs

The Governing Body will give first priority to applications for admission for children looked after or previously looked after by a local authority in Wales, as defined in section 74 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 or England as defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.

Priority will also be given to children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs where the school is named as the most appropriate educational setting.

Oversubscription Criteria

If the number of applications exceeds the available pupil places, the Governing Body will admit children whose applications satisfy the over-subscription criteria in the following order:-

1. A child who with their family worships regularly in the Church in Wales, within the Parish of Dyffryn.
2. A child who has a brother or sister already in the school. This included adopted/step/foster siblings.
3. A child who with their family worships regularly in the Church in Wales, living outside of the Parish of Dyffryn.
4. A child who worships regularly at a Christian place of worship.
5. A child of any faith who worships regularly,
6. Children whose parents wish them to be educated in a school with a religious character.
7. Other children who live in the Parish of Dyffryn
8. Applications on compassionate grounds, will be considered on their own merit, and at the discretion of the Governors.

When dealing with applications based on faith commitment, parish priests or local ministers may be contacted to verify application details.

In the event of oversubscription within one of the criteria, the governors will give priority to children living closest to the school.

As in all school's children who attend our nursery class will not have an automatic right of admission to full time education at our school.

Should your application be unsuccessful, you have the right to appeal. If you exercise that right, the appeal must be made in writing to the Clerk to the Governors within 15 school days of receiving the letter refusing a place. The appeal will be considered by an independent Admission Appeal Panel, administered by the Llandaff Diocesan Board of Education, according to the Welsh Assembly Government's Code of Practice on School Admission Appeals.

Definition of a sibling

For the sibling criteria to be applicable one of the following conditions must exist:

- A brother and/or sister is to be permanently resident at the same address
- A stepbrother and /or stepsister (including half brothers/sisters) is to be permanently resident at the same address.

Distance from School

Distance to school will be measured in a straight line from the main entrance of the family home to the main gate of the school, using the system adopted by Neath Port Talbot Council for all maintained schools within the county borough.

Place of Residence

The child's ordinary place of residence will be deemed to be a residential property at which the person or persons with parental responsibility for the child resides at the closing date for receiving applications for admission to the school.

Where parental responsibility is held by more than one person and those persons reside in separate properties, the child's ordinary place of residence will be deemed to be that property at which the child resides for the greater part of the week, including weekends.