

# ST MARYCHURCH CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL



## NURSERY ADMISSIONS POLICY

### **SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

We work to provide high quality education within a caring, secure and stimulating environment, which promotes Christian values based on the teachings of the Church of England.

Our children are given every opportunity, help and encouragement to develop academically, emotionally, physically, socially and spiritually to their full potential.

**'Doing our very best and caring for each other'.**

### **1. Introduction**

We have a Nursery Unit attached to the school, which provides for children between the ages of three and five. This unit can accommodate twenty-six children at any one time. Children will attend for half-day sessions, making a maximum of 52 half time places available. Children can be admitted as soon as they are three years old, according to the arrangements and allocation of places detailed below.

We aim to provide a first class foundation to the children's formal education, by working closely in partnership with their families. Our nursery aims to reflect the caring Christian ethos of our school.

We expect that most parents would like their child to progress to the reception class and into the main school. However they should be aware that, because nursery education is not statutory, applications for the main school have to be considered separately and against the criteria laid down in the Governors' School Admissions Policy.

### **2. Criteria for allocation of places**

These criteria refer to the bands described in the Torbay LEA nursery unit admissions policy:

Children are awarded places in groups of broad age:

Band 1 is for children in the younger half of the Reception Year,

Band 2 is for children in the older half of Nursery Year 2 (1 Year before Reception Year)

Band 3 is for children in the Younger half of Nursery Year 2 (1 Year before Reception Year)

Band 4 is for children in the older half of Nursery Year 1 (2 Years before Reception Year)

Band 5 is for children in the Younger half of Nursery Year 1 (2 Years before Reception Year)

**Where a group is too large for all to be admitted, they are distinguished by the following sub-categories, applied in the following order:**

1. Children whose families are practising members of the Church of England. Priority will be given to Looked After Children and Children with Statements of Educational Need who fulfil this criteria
2. Children whose families are practising members of other Christian Churches. Priority will be given to Looked After Children and Children with Statements of Educational Need who fulfil this criteria
3. Children with a sibling attending the school at expected time of entry.
4. Children living nearest to this School, measured by the shortest walking distance.
5. In the event of a distance tie (within 10 metres), priority will be given on date of birth, oldest first.

The criteria will be applied in turn to all the applications for each of the bands, Band 1 first, then Band 2 and so on.

### **3. Timetable and procedures for admissions**

Places become available every September, January and April.

Applications for starting in September or the following January or April must be made before the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> May and the School's Admissions Committee will notify parents of their decision on the last Friday in June.

Names of unsuccessful applicants at this stage will be retained on a waiting list (priorities as above) and places awarded if any of the previously offered places become available again. Applications received after the 31<sup>st</sup> May will be added to the waiting list at the appropriate priority level.

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