



# **Much Marcle C E Primary School**

## **Admissions Policy**

**2021-2022**

Much Marcle Primary School welcomes all families from the surrounding area. Our Admissions Policy is invoked only in the case of oversubscription. We offer a personal tour of the school to every family who expresses an interest in a place for their child. Please contact school to arrange a visit.

## **SCHOOL POLICY FOR ADMISSION**

Applications for admission to the school are considered by the Head Teacher with support from the Governors.

Children will be considered for admission if they qualify under one or more of the following categories and accept the Christian aim of the school. Governors give order of priority to applicants with children who qualify under the following:

- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- Pupils in the 'looked after' system
- Catchment places
- Siblings who have a brother or sister **currently attending** the school who live outside the catchment area
- Nursery pupils
- Church places
- Out of Catchment Area places

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS and Disabilities LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN**

Consideration will be given to pupils with a statement of special educational need, an Education and Health Care Plan or those in receipt of banded funding where the school has been named.

Governors will also consider pupils who are in the looked after system where the approved agencies agree that the school meets the child's social, pastoral and educational needs.

### **CATCHMENT PLACES**

Are available to children resident within the Civil Parish boundaries of Much Marcle, Little Marcle and Yatton.

### **NURSERY**

Consideration will be given to applications from parents of children who have attended Much Marcle Nursery for the previous academic year.

### **SIBLINGS**

Governors will also give consideration to children other than those in above categories who are resident outside the designated area who have brothers and sisters currently attending the school at the time of admission.

## **CHURCH PLACES**

Are available to children of families who are actively involved in the worship, life and work of a Christian Church. Applications should be made in writing and supported by the endorsement of the Parish Priest or Minister of that Church.

### **VARIATION TO ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING CHURCH PLACES FOR RECEPTION YEAR 2021**

*There is a variation to the admission arrangements for the reception year in September 2021 relating to church attendance and the Covid-19 pandemic as follows:*

*" In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship".*

## **OUT OF CATCHMENT PLACES**

Applications for places made by families residing outside the catchment area will be considered by the Governing Body. Families will have made clear their sympathy with the aims, objectives and mission statement of the school. The parents of these pupils will understand and accept that they have the responsibility to transport their child to and from school.

To avoid confusion and disappointment parents should ensure that they meet the criteria for admission.

Any parent wishing to view the school or discuss admission with the Head Teacher should write or telephone for an appointment.

## **ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS**

Parents are invited to visit the school prior to making an application to Herefordshire Council by the closing date indicated. The deadline for applications is set annually by the Council and families should refer to Herefordshire Council Information for Parents Booklet (Admission and Transfer to Schools) for the year in question.