

## **Hillside First School Admissions Policy for 2020-2021**

The policy set out below applies to Hillside Community First School, Trinity Church of England Voluntary Aided First School and Verwood Church of England Voluntary Aided First School for the school year 2020-2021.

The admission of children with Statements of Special Educational Needs is covered by Sections 324 to 328 of, and Schedule 27 to, the Education Act 1996. Guidance on the Admission of Statemented pupils is given in the Special Education Needs Code of Practice.

1. Where all parental preferences for places at the school can be satisfied, all children seeking a place will be admitted.
2. Where there are too few places available to satisfy all preferences, places will be allocated according to the following priority order:
  - i) Children who are looked after by the local authority, i.e. children with either a care order (full or interim) or who are accommodated under Section 20 of the Children Act 1989. Or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order - a copy of the adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order and a confirmation letter from the local authority that last looked after the child should be provided with the application (see footnote 1).
  - ii) Where a Child Protection Order or Child in Need document identifies that there is a need for the child to be educated in a school closest to home or in an identified particular school/setting for their own safety (see footnote 1).
  - iii) Children who have a physical or medical disability where the identified school would be the only school providing specially adapted facilities to support the needs of the child or, in the case of the condition resulting in prolonged or recurring absence each year, would be best supported attending a particular school. This must be fully evidenced and supported by a community paediatrician or consultant (see footnote 1).
  - iv) Children living within the catchment area for Emmanuel CE VA Middle School (see map below) who will have a sibling(s) attending the school at the time of admission. (see footnotes 2 & 3).
  - v) Children living within the catchment area for Emmanuel CE VA Middle School (see footnotes 2 & 3).
  - vi) Children living outside the catchment area for Emmanuel CE VA Middle School who will have a sibling(s) attending the school at the time of admission (see footnotes 2 & 3).
  - vii) Children living outside the catchment area for Emmanuel CE VA Middle School and who were attending one of the preferred school's recognised maintained feeder schools during the previous year (see foot notes 2,3 & 4).
  - viii) Children living outside the catchment area for Emmanuel CE VA Middle School and whose parents wish them to attend a CE Voluntary Aided school on denominational grounds (see footnotes 2 ,3 & 5).
  - ix) Children of staff with at least two years continuous service at the school or who have been recruited to a vacancy to meet a demonstrable skills shortage as at the date of application (in year) or relevant closing date under the local authority coordinated scheme (normal year of entry) and who still intend to be employed at the school at

the time of the child's admission.

x) All other children living outside the catchment area for Emmanuel CE VA Middle School (see footnotes 2 & 3).

3. If oversubscribed within any of the priority order categories above, places will be allocated on the basis of the shortest straight line measurement using a geographical information based system which identifies an easting and northing for the home address and the school building and calculates the distance between the two locations. NB. School transport is based on walking and driven distances.
4. In the event that the local authority is unable to distinguish between applications despite applying the priority categories above, lots will be drawn by an independent (of the local authority) person to determine the final place(s).
5. Where applications are received from families with multiple birth siblings and by adhering to PAN these siblings could not be offered the same school, the admission number will be exceeded to accommodate the multiple birth siblings. This is not an indication that schools can exceed the admission number other than under these exceptional circumstances.

#### Footnotes

1. In the case of ii) iii) iv) other relevant local authority professionals will also be consulted. The local authority is all inclusive and will meet all legislative requirements to accommodate children within their educational setting as appropriate to their need.
2. The places available are defined as the published admission number for the school for that year of entry (Hillside First School – 60, Trinity First School – 30, Verwood First School – 60).
3. The term 'sibling' means full brother or sister, half or step brother or sister, adoptive brother or sister and other non-blood related children who live with married or cohabiting parents in the same household and relates to all year groups provided by the school.
4. This does not include independent or early years provision.
5. In order to qualify for consideration under this category, parents/guardians will need to show that at least one adult family member and the child to whom the application relates to have been attending their local church at least once a month for a minimum of a year prior to the closing date for applications. The church should be one that subscribes to Churches Together in Britain and Ireland or the Evangelical Alliance. The application must also be supported by a written statement from the vicar/priest/minister or leader of the church confirming this.