

## **Terrington CE VA Primary School Admissions Policy**

The school provides a distinctively Christian education for children aged 4 to 11 years, with priority being given to children who live and worship within the ecclesiastical parish of Terrington and Ganthorpe with Wiganthorpe (the normal area of the school). A map of the parish boundaries is available in school.

Historically, Anglican schools were parish schools providing education for the community in accordance with the principles of the Church of England. Thus the majority of York Diocesan schools were established to provide education for the children of the parish with a Christian context. This two-fold aim of being “distinctively Christian” and “serving the local community” is reflected in the school’s admission criteria.

Terrington is a Voluntary Aided school for which the Governing Body is the Admission Authority and responsible for admissions. It is guided in that responsibility by the requirements of law, the school trust deed, advice from the Diocesan Board of Education and its duty to the community.

**Intake numbers** – The admission limit as agreed with the Authority is 9 children of reception age.

**Age of First entry** – children who are five between September and Easter may start school full time in September. Children whose birthdays fall in the summer term may start in September full-time or part-time; we aim to meet the needs of the child. Parents can request that the date their child is admitted to the school is deferred until later in the school year or until the child reaches compulsory school age in that school year. Parents can request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

**Co-ordinated Scheme for Admission Arrangements** – this is a mechanism that ensures that all parents resident in North Yorkshire who have expressed a preference before the closing date will receive a single offer of a school place on the same day. In order to provide every parent with an offer of one single place, North Yorkshire LA will be working with the Governing Bodies of the voluntary aided primary schools, including Terrington CE VA School. Details of the co-ordinated scheme can be obtained from the Authority.

**Priority Categories** – If the number of applications exceeds the number of places, available, the Governors will allocate places on the basis of the following priorities:

1. Children in Public Care (looked after children)
2. Children with special social or medical reasons for admission.

Applications in this category must be supported by a professional recommendation from a doctor, social worker or other appropriate professional which sets out the particular social or medical reasons(s) why the school in question is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.

3. Children living in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Terrington and Ganthorpe with Wiganthorpe, with siblings who will be registered pupils in the school on the proposed date of admission
4. Other children living in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Terrington and Ganthorpe with Wiganthorpe.
5. Children from outside the normal area of the school with siblings who will be registered pupils in the school on the proposed date of admission.
6. Children of families in regular attendance at a Church of England place of worship.
7. Children of families in regular attendance at any other Christian place of worship which is a member of Churches Together in England
8. Any other children.

**Notes:**

a) if there are more children in any category that there are places remaining at the school, priority will be given to those who live nearest to the school, measured by the shortest safe walking route from the school gate to the front door of their home.

b) In all cases, sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

c) Regular attendance is defined as attending Church on average once a month for a period of twelve months previous to the application.

d) Churches Together in England:

The Baptist Union of Great Britain  
Lutheran Council of Great Britain  
Cherubim and Seraphim Council of Churches  
Methodist Church  
Church of England  
Moravian Church  
Church of Scotland  
New Testament Assembly  
Congregational Federation  
Religious Society of Friends  
Council of African and Afro-Caribbean Churches  
Roman Catholic Church  
Council of Oriental Orthodox Christian Churches  
Russian Orthodox Church  
Free Churches' Council  
Salvation Army  
Greek Orthodox Church  
United Reformed Church  
Independent Methodist Churches  
Wesleyan Holiness Church  
Joint Council for Anglo-Caribbean Churches  
Ichthus Christian Fellowship  
International Ministerial Council of Great Britain

Twins – where there are twins wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the governing body will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. If only one place can be offered then parents will

be advised that the place will be offered to the older twin. Parents should go to appeal for the other twin, though with the Infant Class Size legislation, it is unlikely that an appeal panel will overturn the decision of the governing body.

### **Late Applications**

If the common application form is received after the deadline it will be considered a late application and will be processed for a school place after other preferences have been considered. There may, however, on occasions be extenuating circumstances as to why the form is not returned on time (eg a family having just moved into the area) and in these circumstances each case is considered on its merit. If the common application form is not returned at all a school place will be offered once all other applications have been considered. It may still be possible for your child to be allocated a place at Terrington CE (VA) School, however you should be aware that you reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school if you do not return the form on time.

### **Waiting List<sup>i</sup>**

If a child has been refused admission he/she will automatically be placed on the waiting list for Terrington CE School, which will be maintained until the end of the Autumn term 2011.

Parents who are refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent Appeal Panel. Please contact the Head teacher in the first instance to begin the appeal process.

The attention of parents considering sending their child to the school is drawn to the School's Prospectus, which outlines the arrangements for admission within this Policy Statement. For further information please refer to the Local Authority's "Guide for Parents".

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