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# Dean Barwick Primary School

## ***Admissions Policy 2019-2020***

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### **Admissions and Transfers**

We admit infants at the beginning of the school year in which they are five. School and parents decide together when the four year old is ready to come full time, but this is often at the start of the school year. Legally, a child must receive a full-time education from the start of the term after their fifth birthday [statutory school age] and whilst for the majority of children this will involve full-time attendance at a school there will be a small minority who may opt to home educate or otherwise.

Our pupils come from Witherslack Dean Barwick Nursery [which they can attend from the age of 3 years old] or other nurseries in the area. Infants then usually transfer to the Junior class at the beginning of the school year in which they are eight and transfer to the Secondary School at the age of 11+.

### **Admissions Policy**

Where there are more applicants than places available children will be admitted on the basis of the following order priorities:-

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children; which extends to children who have been adopted or have become subject to a residence or special guardianship order.
2. Children from within the catchment area who have brothers or sisters in the school at the time of their admission. [This includes step siblings, foster siblings and other children living permanently at the same address] However, priority is given to those children with the youngest siblings.
3. Children from outside the catchment area who have brothers or sisters in the school at the time of their admission who were admitted by the Governors at the request of the local Education Authority in the absence of a place being available in the catchment area school.
4. Children from within the catchment area with exceptional social, medical or educational needs. Written evidence from an appropriate professional [e.g. a doctor or social worker] would be required for the Governors to consider in this category.

5. Children from within the catchment area who have one or both parents on the electoral roll of St. Paul's C.E. Church, Witherslack.
6. Other children from within the catchment area giving priority to those for whom access to an alternative school with space available is the most problematic.
7. Children from outside the catchment area who have brothers or sisters in the school at the time of their admission, giving priority to those children with the youngest siblings. [This includes step siblings, foster siblings and other children living permanently at the same address] Priority is given to those children with the youngest siblings.
8. Children from outside the catchment area with exceptional social, medical or educational needs. Written evidence from an appropriate professional [e.g. a doctor or social worker] would be required for the Governors to consider in this category.
9. Children from outside the catchment area who have one or both parents on the electoral roll of St. Paul's C.E. Church, Witherslack.
10. Children from outside the catchment area, giving priority to those who live closest to the school, measured in a straight from their home address to the school gate drawn in a straight line on the map.

Tie breaker: If it is necessary to prioritise between candidates, the measurement criterion in category 10 would be applied.

Applications will be prioritised according to the criteria listed above. An exception will be made if a child has an "Education, Health and Care Plan" naming Dean Barwick School, or is currently being assessed, and it is considered that a particular school would best meet the needs of that child.

Any child not offered a place will have their name placed on the school's waiting list. Any places becoming available will be allocated using the oversubscription criteria shown above. Length of time on the waiting list will not be a consideration. The waiting list will be maintained for the Autumn term.

Parents should note that if a place is allocated at Dean Barwick Primary School on the basis of information provided by them and that information later proves to be inaccurate, the offer might be withdrawn. The Governors also reserve the right to seek verification of any information provided by parents including proof of residency.

Where parents feel that there are exceptional social, medical or educational grounds they must provide full details at the time of applying. The Governors may, however, seek further verification such as a medical practitioner or Social Worker's report.

Where appropriate parents should provide proof that they are on the electoral roll of St. Paul's C.E. Church, Witherslack with their completed application form.

Applicants refused a place have a right to appeal to an independent appeal panel and in the first instance this should be submitted to the clerk of the governors within 20 school days of the date of the refusal letter.

The school Published Admission Number for 2018/19 and 2019/20 is 8 children per year group.