

MATRAVERS SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

2017/18

POLICY AND NUMBERS

Pupils will be admitted at age 11 without reference to ability or aptitude provided applications are received by the deadline of noon on 31 October 2016.

The number of allowed admissions for the year commencing 1 September 2017 will be 180. Applications for all year groups must be made via the local authority, Wiltshire Council.

The School, a Foundation School, will provide secondary education primarily, but not exclusively, for children residing in the client group area defined below:

- Bitham Brook Primary School
- Bratton Primary School
- Chapmanslade CE Primary School
- Dilton Marsh CE Junior School
- North Bradley CE Primary School
- Sutton Veny CE Primary School
- Westbury CE Junior School
- Westbury Leigh CE School

This initial client group area specified above has been built up on the basis of the following criteria:-

- The need to limit the client area in order to avoid a built in potential to exceed the standard admissions number in the future.
- The numbers of potential partner primary schools in the area and the strong curricular and pastoral liaison which has been developed with them over a number of years.
- The proximity of these schools to Matravers with particular regard to the lengths of journey and accessibility through public transport.
- The historical relationship of these schools with Westbury and Matravers School.
- The number of children from these schools who have attended Matravers in the last twenty years.

All children whose statement of special educational needs or Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) name Matravers, will be offered a place.

If the school is not over-subscribed, all applicants will be offered a place.

All applications for children requesting admission outside their normal age group will be processed as outlined in Wiltshire Council's Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme, which has been drafted in line with the School Admissions Code.

OVER-SUBSCRIPTION

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit. In order to distinguish between children within a category, nearness of the child's home to the school as measured by the distance in a straight line from the main entrance of the school to the entrance of the child's home, will be used.

1. Looked-after children / previously looked-after children* from any geographical area.
2. Children residing in the above client group area.
3. Children who have a brother or sister (including step siblings, foster siblings and adopted siblings) attending Matravers School at the time when the offer of a place is made.

** A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).*

POST-16 ADMISSIONS

Details of Matravers' admissions policy for post-16 students are contained in the school's Post-16 Admissions policy.

GENERAL

The school will establish independent appeals arrangements against non-admission, details of which can be obtained from the Clerk to the Governors of Matravers School.

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