

# Coalbrookdale & Ironbridge C.E. Primary School



## Policy:

## Admissions 2023 - 2024

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For admissions to the Reception Year application must be made through Telford and Wrekin Council by 15<sup>th</sup> January in the academic year prior to which your child is due to start school. All applications received by this date will be considered and parents will be informed by Telford & Wrekin Council on 16th April if they have been allocated a place for their child. Please see the Parents Guide to Education booklet on the Telford & Wrekin website ([www.telford.gov.uk](http://www.telford.gov.uk)) along with details of the admission arrangements.

### **Admissions Criteria:**

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education and Health Care Plan which names Coalbrookdale & Ironbridge CE Primary School will be allocated places. After which, places are allocated up to the Published Admission Number of 30 according to an agreed set of criteria in strict order of priority as shown below.

1. Those children who are or were previously looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted<sup>1</sup>. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted<sup>2</sup> (or became subject to a child arrangements order<sup>3</sup> or special guardianship order<sup>4</sup>). All references to previously looked after children in this Code mean such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders<sup>4</sup> or special guardianship orders<sup>5</sup>) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Those who live within the boundaries of the ecclesiastical parishes of Coalbrookdale, Ironbridge and Little Wenlock and that part of the ecclesiastical parish of Benthall that lies within Telford & Wrekin will have priority of admission. If there are not enough places for all of the children in the catchment area then the following criteria will apply in order:
  - 2a. Priority will be given to children living within the catchment area who will have an older sibling at the school on the day they are due to start school.
  - 2b. Those who are at the heart of Ironbridge, Coalbrookdale or Little Wenlock Churches (regular members of the congregation).
  - 2c. Those who are at the heart of a Christian Church elsewhere (regular members of the congregation). One which adheres to the doctrine of the Trinity to define "Christian" denomination.
  - 2d. Children of staff – children whose parent is a member of staff who has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application or has been recruited to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage, who have been employed for two or more years.

<sup>1</sup> 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) at the time of making an application to a school.

<sup>2</sup> A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

<sup>3</sup> This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see Section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see Section 46 adoption orders).

<sup>4</sup> Child arrangements orders are defined in Section 8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by Section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order.

<sup>5</sup> See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

- 2e. Children of Incumbents and Curates of Coalbrookdale, Ironbridge and Little Wenlock benefice, who have been recruited to fill these posts.
  - 2f. After that, priority will be given to other children who live within the catchment area.
3. If there are spaces still available after the above criteria have been applied, children living outside the designated catchment area will be offered places according to the following criteria:
- 3a. Children who will have an older sibling at the school on the day they are due to start school.
  - 3b. Those who are at the heart of Ironbridge, Coalbrookdale or Little Wenlock Churches (regular members of the congregation).
  - 3c. Those who are at the heart of a Christian Church elsewhere (regular members of the congregation). One which adheres to the doctrine of the Trinity to define "Christian" denomination.
  - 3d. Pupils in receipt of early years premium or pupil premium at the point of submitting the application request
  - 3e. Those children who are or were previously looked after by any local authority in outside of England but ceased to be so because they were adopted as defined in the School Admissions Code.
  - 3f. After that, priority will be given to other children who live outside the catchment area.

Each category will be rank ordered according to the distance from home to school as a straight-line measurement.

**Notes:**

A sibling connection is defined as a brother or sister, step-brother or step-sister, half-brother or half-sister, living at the same address as part of the same family unit and of compulsory school age (i.e. 5 – 16 years). Adopted siblings are also included. Older siblings must be attending the school on the date the younger sibling is due to start there. However, cousins or other relatives who take up residence in a home in order to establish an 'in catchment area' address will not be given priority under the sibling criterion.

For admissions purposes all distances are measured as a straight-line distance on a computerised mapping system between the home address and the nearest entrance gate of the relevant school by pinpointing their eastings and northings. The shortest distance being given highest priority. Where two addresses are within the same block of flats, the lowest number of flat nearest the ground floor will be deemed to be the nearest in distance.

In the event that two applications are exactly the same after all other criteria have been taken into account a tie breaker will be used. This will be by random allocation and overseen by an independent party not connected with the admissions process.

If unsuccessful on allocation day, Telford & Wrekin Council will offer a review when the waiting list will be formed from those parents who advise the Admissions Team that they wish to pursue a place at the school. At the end of the review period, parents who have still not been successful in securing a place have the right to appeal against the decision. Parents may remain on the waiting list from the review period onwards.

For the first term of Reception, Telford & Wrekin Council will continue to maintain a waiting list for unsuccessful applicants. If any vacancies arise, places will be offered to applicants on the waiting list in strict accordance with normal published oversubscription criteria.

### **Mid-term or In-Year applications**

Mid-term/In-Year applications will be dealt with using the same admissions criteria given above. To apply for a place other than the start of Reception, parents should apply directly to the school on a mid-term application form available on the Telford and Wrekin Council website ([https://www.telford.gov.uk/school\\_admissions/changing\\_schools](https://www.telford.gov.uk/school_admissions/changing_schools)) or from school. If there is a space in the relevant year group a place will be granted. If the application is for a place in an over-subscribed year group then the Headteacher will meet with admissions governors to consider whether additional places can be offered above the published admission number.

If a place cannot be offered, parents will receive a formal letter and information on how to appeal against the decision from Telford & Wrekin Council Admissions Team.

Other than the first term of Reception, the school will maintain a waiting list for unsuccessful applicants. If any vacancies arise, places will be offered to applicants included on the waiting list in strict accordance with normal published oversubscription criteria. If a place can be offered the applicant will be expected to take up the place within 6 school weeks or by the start of the next half term, whichever is the earliest date, with the exception of Reception children who have deferred entry until later in the same academic year. If an offer of a place is refused, the name will be removed from the waiting list. At the end of the first term of the academic year of admission, the waiting list will transfer from Telford and Wrekin Council to the school.

Allocation of places for children moving into Telford & Wrekin Council's designated catchment area can only be considered when formal confirmation (signed tenancy agreement when no property is owned, or exchange of contracts) of the address has been received.

All applicants are required to give correct information about the genuine residential address of the child. Where any information regarding a home address is found to be fraudulent or misleading a school place may be withdrawn even if the child has been admitted to the school.