



Admissions Policy

The Governing Body of St Peter's Smithills Dean CE Primary School is the admissions authority for the school. The Governors may delegate the application of the admissions policy to a committee of no less than three, including the Headteacher. No individual may handle this task, including the Headteacher.

The policy has been agreed with Bolton LA and Manchester Diocesan Board of Education. The admissions number for the Reception class will be 30. The governors will admit all children having a statement of special educational needs naming the school.

In the event of oversubscription for the remaining places the following criteria will apply, in order. Please note that for 'faith criteria' (paragraph numbers 3 and 4) a points system will apply and places will be awarded to those having the highest scores. If a parent is applying under faith criteria he/she will need to complete the school's supplementary form.

1. Children in Public Care (Looked After Children).
2. Children having a brother* or sister* in the school at the time of their admission. (* See notes below)
3. Children whose parent/guardian regularly attends St Peter's Halliwell, Smithills Chapel, Barrow Bridge or St Andrew's Montserrat. Points will be awarded according to attendance (**See notes below) . Supporting evidence will be sought from clergy, minister or Church Officer.
4. Children whose parent/ guardian regularly attends another Christian church that is a member of the National / Local Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, or the Evangelical Alliance.
5. The Governors will offer places to children having exceptional medical or social needs. For admission in this category written evidence from an appropriate professional, eg. doctor, social worker, must be submitted. This evidence must say why the child should attend St Peter's Smithills Dean CE School rather than any other school.
6. Children resident within St Peter's Parish, including the area north of Moss Bank Way and south of Dean Brook. (***) See notes below).
7. All other children.

In the event of oversubscription in any category places will be awarded to those whose normal home address is nearest to the school. This will be measured using the Local Authorities agreed system from the front door of the child's home to the front gate of the school. In the event of a child having shared parenting the address used will be the home in which the child sleeps for the majority of the school week.

Notes:

- * Brother or Sister includes fostered or adopted children and half-brothers or sisters living at the same address.
- * * 'Regularly attends' means monthly, fortnightly or more frequent attendance for a given period prior to the application, for which points will be awarded.
- *** A map showing the area of St Peter's Parish with the area north of Moss Bank Way and south of Dean Brook is available at the School.

Points System:

Church Attendance: More than twice a month - 8 points, Twice a month - 4 points, Once a month - 2 points

Duration:

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| 2 years or more | Multiply by 2 |
| 12 to 23 mths | Multiply by 1 |
| 0 to 11 mths | Multiply by 0, therefore <u>NO</u> points |

Eg. If you attend more than twice a month for 2 years, this will be 8 points X 2 = 16 points.

"If you have any objections to these admission arrangements please contact the Schools Adjudicator on 01325 735303, or by email osa.team@osa.gsi.gov.uk, or by post - Office of the Schools Adjudicator, Mowden Hall, Staindrop Road, Darlington DL3 9BG. All objections should reach the OSA by 15th May 2016"