



Hordle Church of England (Aided) Primary School Admissions Policy from September 2020

Admissions to Year R

This policy will apply to all admissions from 1 September 2020, for allocating places in the main admissions round for entry into Year R in September 2020. It will also apply to in-year admissions during 2020/21.

The Governing Body of Hordle Church of England (Aided) Primary School is the admission authority for **The School**. The admission arrangements are determined by the Governing Body, after statutory consultation.

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for Hordle Church of England (Aided) School (**The School**) is 45. The PAN is the number of places for children available in the year group above.

A guiding principle of admissions to this school is that a church school should serve its local community, defined in the trust deed of 1859 as the ecclesiastical parish of Hordle. The Local Authority catchment area for Hordle Church of England (aided) Primary School is referred to as (The Area Served by the School) see Page 6. The policy aims to be clear, fair and objective and to comply with all relevant legislation.

Outside the normal admissions round, the Local Authority's Fair Access protocol will be applied alongside the policy to secure the admission of vulnerable pupils from specific groups.

The governors will admit any pupil whose final statement of special educational needs names **The School**. Where possible such children will be admitted within the PAN.

If **The School** is oversubscribed, places will be offered in the following priority order. Places for applications received after the deadline will be allocated using the same criteria:

Admission Criteria

1. **Looked after children or children who were previously looked after.** (see Definition A)
2. **(For applications in the normal admission round only)** Children or families with an exceptional medical or social need. Evidence must be provided, from a medical specialist or social worker of the child or family's need and why those needs make it essential that the children attends the school rather than any other. If evidence is not submitted by the application deadline, the medical or social needs cannot be considered. (See Definition B)
3. Children who at the time of application have a **sibling** (see Definitions D) on the roll of the school
4. Children of families living inside the area served by the school. (see Definition C)
5. A child or a child with a parent who is an active member of a Christian church, and who requests admission on denominational grounds and provides relevant evidence. (see Definition E)
6. Children of staff who have (i) been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, or (ii) have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrative skill shortage. 'Staff' include all those on the payroll of the school. 'Children of staff' refers to the situations where the staff member is the natural parent, the legal guardian or a resident step parent.
7. Other children.

Definitions

A Looked after children or children who were previously looked after

This criterion provides a priority for children who are (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). It can also be used for children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. An adoption order is an order under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or section 12 of the Adoption Act 1976. A 'residence order' is as an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under section 8 of the Children Act 1989. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

B Serious medical, physical or psychological condition

Where a place is requested for a child or family who have a serious social or medical, condition, you must provide evidence from a medical specialist or social worker at the time of application confirming the reason(s) why attendance at **The School** is essential rather than any other school. You must also describe the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school. The evidence should be provided by a suitably qualified medical professional. The evidence will be considered carefully in confidence by the admissions committee of The Governing Body, who will endeavour to reach a fair and equitable decision.

C The Catchment Area

The catchment area for Hordle Church of England School is the Local Authority defined catchment area. The child's permanent residence is where they live, normally including weekends and during school holidays as well as during the week, should be used for the application. The permanent address of children who spend part of their week with one parent and part with the other, at different addresses, will be the address at which they spend most of their time.

A map of the school's catchment area can be viewed on the school's details page on the Hampshire County Council website www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/findaschool

D Siblings

'Sibling' refers to a brother or sister, half brother or half sister, adoptive brother or adoptive sister, step brother or step sister, foster brother or foster sister and includes children living as siblings in the same family unit. 'It will also be applied to situations where a full or half brother or sister are living at separate addresses. Category 3 includes children who at the time of application have a sibling for whom the offer of a place at the preferred school has been accepted, even if the sibling is not yet attending.

E Active member of a Christian Church

'Active member of a Christian church' is defined as attending worship at a church under the definition given in this policy at least twice a month for the previous two years before the deadline for admissions of **midnight on Tuesday 15 January 2020**. Parents applying under criterion 5 are required to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which asks for declaration and verification of your child or your active membership. The SIF, which is available at the end of this policy, must be completed and returned to **The School** by **midnight on Tuesday 15 January 2020**. (As it is a paper form that needs to be signed, the SIF is not available for completion online.) In order to ensure that you have the required church attendance you may need to complete two forms. This is normally more applicable to those who have moved into the area but attended church at their previous address.

If a disability or other 'special needs' circumstances prevents regular attendance (as defined above) at a specific place of worship but the person concerned is recognised by the church leaders as a 'regular worshipper' then this can be taken into consideration in your declaration and the verification of your "Active membership of a Christian Church".

Additional Information

Tie-breaker

If **The School** is oversubscribed, Hampshire County Council's admissions for community and controlled schools use a distance measure to prioritise applications. In the situation that two or more applications measure the same distance to the school, random allocation will be used, as explained on Hampshire's website. The use of this is rare but the situations that random allocations would be required are:

- Same cohort siblings (this does not include twins or multiple births who are an exception to infant class size regulations)
- Unrelated applicants who live equidistant from the school
- House of multiple occupation (where living accommodation is shared but not bedrooms e.g. not a block of flats)
- Forces families applying with a posting order for admission purposes the unit address is used as there is no allocated housing order.

Each random allocation event is only valid for the allocation of the available school place.

On any waiting list the remaining applicants will remain equally ranked and any further place offered will be the result of a further random allocation.

In making a random allocation, it is important that there is scrutiny from a person who is not involved in the allocation process. The roles involved with the random allocation are:

- Independent adjudicator (IA) – this is a person who ensure that the process is carried out in a correct and transparent way. The IA must be independent of the school for which the allocation is to be made and also must be independent of the County Admissions Team.
- Senior Admissions Officer (SAO) – this is an officer from the County Admissions Team who is responsible for carrying out the administration of the random allocation procedure and recording the results, under the scrutiny of the IA
- Person who makes the draw (P) – this must be a person independent of the school for which the allocation is to be made and must be a person who is not part of the Admissions Team.

Who can apply

Only a parent can apply for a place at a school. A parent is any person who has parental responsibility for or is the legal guardian of the child, as set out in the Children Act 1989.

How to apply

The Local Authority operates a Co-ordinated Admissions scheme which processes all main round (ordinary) admission applications. They also publish a Composite Prospectus which details all admission arrangements for schools within the Local Authority. Please see www.hants.gov.uk/admissions for the prospectus and details of the scheme.

You must complete a Local Authority Application Form available from website www.hants.gov.uk/admissions If you wish to use the "Active member of a Christian church" criteria to support your application you must also complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF). This form is available at the end of this policy or as a paper copy from **The School** office. Please also see the definition on 'Active member of a Christian Church'.

Admission to Key Stage 2 in a Primary School

The Governing Body will admit 33 pupils per class in the lower juniors and 34 pupils per class in the upper juniors.

Offering places

The Governing Body will consider first all those applications received by the published deadline of **midnight on 15 January 2020**. Notifications to parents offering a place will be sent by the Local Authority on **16 April 2020**.

Applications made after **midnight on 15 January 2020** will be considered after all on-time applications have been fully processed unless exceptional circumstances merit consideration alongside on-time applications.

For the normal admission round, all on-time preferences will be considered simultaneously and ranked in accordance with the admission criteria. If more than one school can offer a place, the parent's highest stated available preference will be allocated.

Pupils with an Educational Health Care Plan

The governors will admit any pupil whose education, health and care plan (previously a final statement of special educational needs) names **The School**. Where possible these children will be admitted within the PAN.

Multiple births

Where a twin or child from a multiple birth is admitted to a school under this policy then any further twin or child of the same multiple birth will be admitted, if the parents so wish, even though this may raise the number in the year group above **The School's** PAN.

In-year applications (ordinary)

The allocation of any places which may become available during the year will be made on the basis of the current Admissions Criteria. There are no deadline dates for in year applications. Applications must be made using the Local Authority Admission Form available on line at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. Any parent with parental responsibility can apply for a place for their child at any time to any school. The Governing Body will decide whether a place can be offered at **The School**.

In-Year Fair Access placements by the local authority

The local authority must ensure that all pupils are placed in schools as quickly as possible. It may therefore sometimes be necessary for a pupil to be placed by the local authority, or a local placement panel acting on behalf of the authority, in a particular school even if there is a waiting list for admission. Such placements will be made in accordance with the provisions of the local authority's In-Year Fair Access Protocol. The Protocol is based on legislation and government guidance.

School Closures

In the event of a school closure, pupils from the closing school may be given priority for any school nominated as the receiving school. Specific arrangements will be determined by the Local Authority in accordance with the School's Admissions Code and will be published at the time for the specific school affected.

Waiting lists

When all available places have been allocated a waiting list will be operated by **Hordle Primary School**.

Parents must request (in writing) that their child is placed on the waiting list.

Any places that become available will be allocated according to the criteria of the admission policy with no account being taken of the length of time on the waiting list or any priority order expressed as part of the main admission round. Fair Access admissions and school closure arrangements will take priority over the waiting list.

The waiting list will be reviewed and revised:

- each time a child is added to, or removed from, the waiting list;
- when a child's changed circumstances affect their priority;
- periodically when parents, with a child on the waiting list, will be contacted and asked if they wish to remain on the list for the following school year.

At the time of receiving an offer of a school place parents will be advised of the process for adding their child's name to a school's waiting list. Parents may keep their child's name on the waiting list of as many schools as they wish and for as long as they wish.

Starting school and deferred entry to Year R

Admission authorities **must** provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday. The authority **must** make it clear in their arrangements that, where they have offered a child a place at a school:

- a) that child is entitled to a full-time place in the September following their fourth birthday;
- b) the child's parents can defer the date their child is admitted to the school until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which it was made; and
- c) where the parents wish, children may attend part-time until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age.

Exceptionally, parents of children with birthdays between 1st April and 31st August (inclusive) may wish to consider to defer admission until the following September. In these circumstances, an application under the following year's admissions policy and procedure will apply. (see below Admissions of children outside their normal age group)

It is recommended that parents considering such a request contact **The School** as early as possible and have a meeting with the headteacher to ensure that an informed decision is made.

Notes on compulsory school age and summer born children

A child is not required to start school until they have reached compulsory school age following their fifth birthday. For summer born children this is almost a full school year after the point at which they could first be admitted. Compulsory school age is set out in section 8 of the Education Act 1996 and The Education (Start of Compulsory School Age) Order 1998. A child reaches compulsory school age on the prescribed day following his fifth birthday (or on his fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 December, 31 March and 31 August.

All children born from the beginning of April to the end of August reach compulsory school age in the September following their fifth birthday. It is likely that most requests for children to be admitted out of their normal year group will come from parents of children born in the later summer months or those born prematurely.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents who have deferred entry into Year R or of a gifted and talented child or a child who has experienced problems or missed part of a year, for example due to ill health, can request a place outside the normal age group. The Governing Body will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of each case. Parents do not have a right to appeal if they have been offered a place and it is not in the year group they would like.

Admission Appeals

If you are unsuccessful in being offered a place for your child at **The School** you will be informed by The Local Authority in writing, be given reasons for the refusal and informed of your right to an independent appeal against the decision.

Warning

Places are withdrawn every year because parents give false information on application forms, e.g. a false 'home address'. This includes cases where parents take out a short-term let or buy a property solely to use its address on the application form without any intention of taking up permanent residence there. In fairness to all parents, all allegations of fraudulent practice brought to The Governing Body attention will be investigated. The Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a place if fraudulent or intentionally misleading information has been used on an application.

Legislation

This policy takes account of all relevant legislation including the legislation on sex discrimination, race relations, and disability, together with all relevant regulations and the School Admissions Code (published by the DfE in 2014).

Further Information

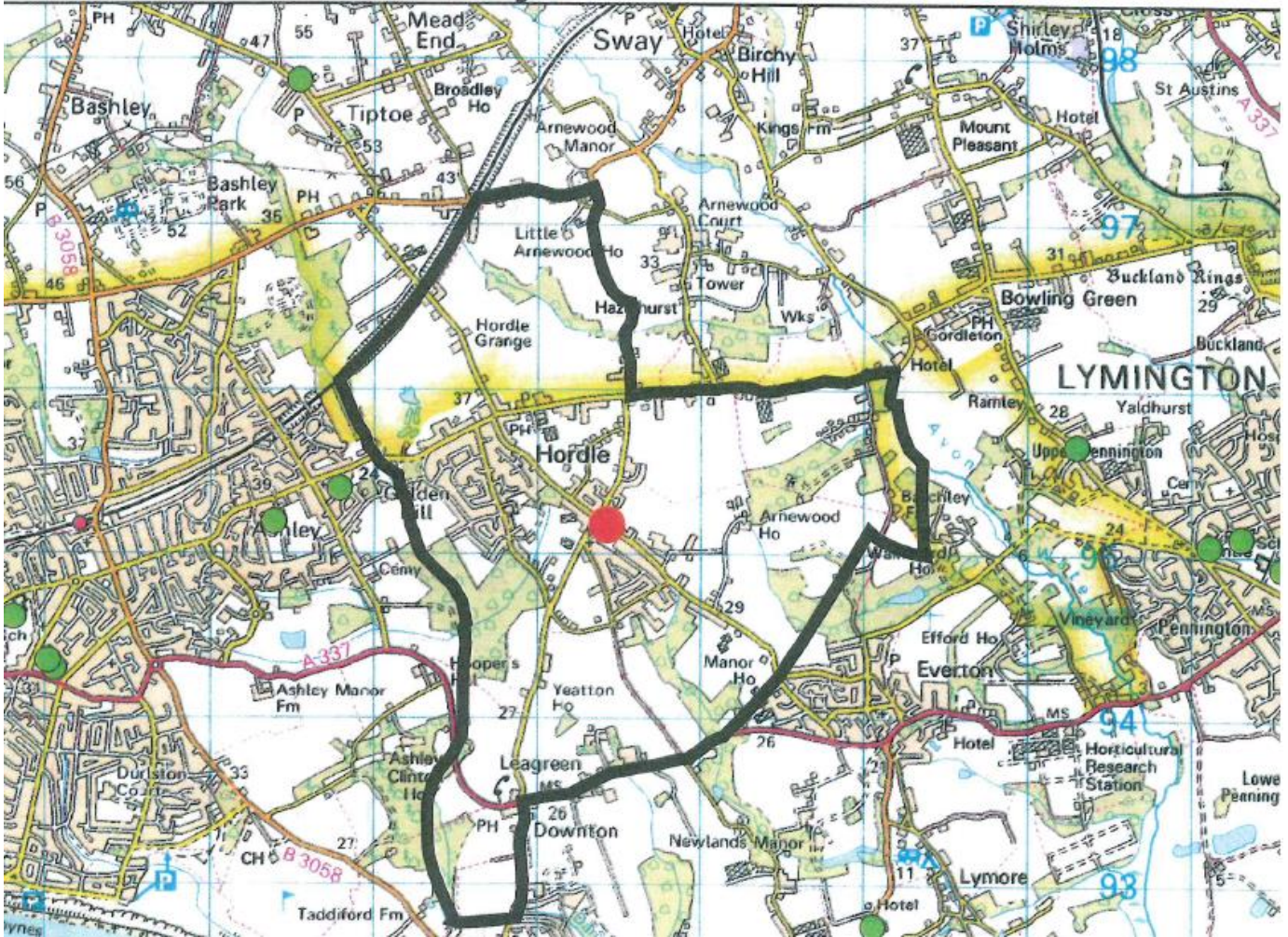
If you require further information about applying for a place at Hordle Church of England School, please contact **The School**.

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Map of the catchment area of The School OR List of roads / streets and house numbers which make up the catchment area.

Hordle Primary Catchment Area



Hordle Church of England (Aided) Primary School SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM

Only for use to support admission applications using the 'Active member of a Christian church' criteria.

The purpose of the Supplementary Information Form is to declare and have verified that the child or a parent is an 'Active member of a Christian church'.

For main round applicants, you must complete this form, have it signed by a suitable church official, and return it to **The School** as soon as possible but before the deadline of **midnight on 15 January 2020**. For in-year applications, this should be submitted with your application.

(The suitable church official is usually the priest of your church or if there is none, a person authorised to do so by your church. Should there be an interregnum the SIF may be verified by a churchwarden or other suitable official on behalf of the parish. Please ask at your church, or the church school you are applying to, who is suitable to verify your declaration)

I		(Parent or Child's Name)
Of		(Address)
Being the Parent of		
	(Child's Name)	(Child's Date of Birth)
applying for a place at	Hordle Church of England (Aided) Primary School	
I declare that I / my child has attended worship at an orthodox Christian Church at least twice a month for the previous two years before the deadline for admissions of midnight on 15 January 2020		please tick
Please give the name of the church you attend in the space below. Thank you.		
Name of Church:		
Parental or Child's signature (Please sign below)	Please print your name below.	
	Date:	
<u>PLEASE GET THIS FORM SIGNED BY THE PERSON VERIFYING YOUR DECLARATION</u>		
I verify that the information given above is correct.		
Signature		
Please print your name		
Status within the church (Vicar / Priest in Charge etc)		
Date		
Your contact address / telephone		
The information you give may be processed electronically and stored on computer for administrative purposes in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2016/679.		
When completed and signed by the church official please return to Hordle Church of England (Aided) Primary School as soon as possible and not later the closing date of midnight on the 15 January 2020		
For School Use Only		
Accepted by The School as a verified 'Active member of a Christian church' declaration and signed on behalf of the Governing Body by		
Name of person signing on behalf of the Governing Body.	Name	Signature
		Date

