

Curry Rivel Primary School Admissions Policy (2011)

To promote a stimulating and caring environment for learning, together with parents, the church and the community.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

- Admissions take place in September. In Somerset children are admitted into school in the year of their fifth birthday. Children attend initially on a part time basis. We ask that parents complete a registration form as soon as possible after their child's third birthday. Registration forms are available from the Local Education Authority.
- The school serves the villages of Curry Rivel, Fivehead and Drayton and admits children within this area up to its pupil admission limit (currently 21). Places for children outside this area can only be considered if space is available and is subject to the agreement of the LEA. This decision may, on parental appeal, be taken to tribunal. The admission arrangements for children with special needs are the same as for all other children.
- The parents of any children wishing to enter school in any year other than that in which they are five have to apply to the school via County admissions. Julie Watch (admissions officer) will inform the school of any child who is to be enrolled on the school register.
- Somerset Local Education Authority is responsible for the allocation of places and a copy of the arrangements can be obtained by contacting 'PARENTLINE' on 0845 6045555.
- The school has strong links with pre-school groups and the Curry Rivel Playgroup works in Partnership with Foundation Class sharing the same setting. Pre-school and Reception children meet and play together through joint, planned, activities. These activities enable pre-school children to become very familiar with the school and their teachers.
- The **Foundation Curriculum** underpins all planning and activities in the Foundation Partnership. This curriculum ensures that children aged 3-5 years are able to experience the same learning opportunities, whatever the setting.
- Our school holds an information evening in the Summer Term for parents whose children are starting school in September. Parents and children are invited to school events during that term. We have a useful booklet that gives suggestions for supporting your child in the months before they start school. We often arrange special events using local experts and specialist teachers to give exciting learning opportunities to our youngest children.
- Prospective parents are welcome to visit the school and meet the Head Teacher and Reception Class teacher.

THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNING BODY

- consults with parents, local schools and the LEA in drafting the policy
- reviews the admission arrangements annually, consulting on changes with all other admission authorities
- publishes the admission arrangements in the school prospectus
- ensures an admissions register is kept up to date
- reviews the net capacity formula annually, communicating proposed variations to the LEA's School Organisation Committee
- receives a termly report from the Headteacher of the number of pupils on roll
- reviews the policy annually.
- RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND PUBLICATIONS
 - School Admissions Code of Practice, 2003.
 - School Admissions Appeals Code of Practice.
 - The Education (Determination of Admission Arrangements) Regulations 1999.
 - Six Home/Administration and Support/Processes and Procedures/School Admissions

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