

The Governors' Policy for the Admission of Pupils

The Governors and the Local Authority agree on the number of pupils to be admitted, taking into account the fact that the school is a Church of England Foundation Comprehensive Middle School.

There are 150 places available in each of the four year groups.

The admissions process is part of the Worcestershire Local Authority scheme. The Governors will initially apply the following criteria to all applications.

They have agreed that the aim shall be to admit pupils, regardless of ability in the following **priority** order:-

1. 'Looked After' * and previously 'Looked After' *children.
2. Children of Staff who have been employed at the school on a permanent contract for at least two years at the date of application or who have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is demonstrable skill shortage.
3. From the area designated as the 'catchment area' within Bromsgrove. (map available to view on the School website, www.st-johns-bromsgrove.worc.sch.uk under School Admissions).
4. Who will have a *Sibling at the school at the time of admission.
5. Who are children of families committed to the practice of the Christian Religion or other faiths whereby we mean attendance of at least once a month for a period of at least 12 months prior to application and can provide a letter of support from their minister at the time of application
6. Who have special medical or social needs as supported by their doctor or other professional person at the time of application.
7. Pupils who live nearest to the school by the shortest straight line distance. The measurement will be taken using the GeoCode Points for each property and the GeoCode point for the school. The Governing Body will utilise the Local Authority software package called Arcview GIS to determine distance. Ordnance Survey supplies the co-ordinates that are used to plot an address within this system. In the event of equi- distance applicants, any place will be allocated by random selection (lottery). Someone totally independent of the Governing Body will supervise this process.

Any parent seeking a place within this school must apply on-line at www.worcestershire.gov.uk or complete the appropriate local authority form for in-year transfers. Applications should be received before the date given since all late applications will be treated after those that have been received on time.