

Marsworth CE Infant School



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RESPECT, COURAGE, COMPASSION, CURIOSITY

*'Teach children how they should live,
and they will remember it all their lives.'* Proverbs 22:6

LEARN, LIVE, REMEMBER

MARSWORTH CE INFANT NURSERY CLASS ADMISSIONS POLICY ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2024-2025

Reviewed: _____

Approved: _____

Signed: _____

This document incorporates the present admission policy for Marsworth Church of England Infant School. It sets out the criteria that the Governors will adopt in determining the admission of children to the Nursery Class, and the Complaints Policy if such child or children is not offered a place. The Buckinghamshire Primary Admissions Guide for Parents Admission booklet will be issued to Parents on contact with the school.

In this document the following words or phrases have the following meanings:

‘The School’	the Marsworth Church of England Infant School, Vicarage Road, Marsworth
‘The Head’	the Headteacher for the time being of the school
‘The Governors’	the Governing Body for the time being of the school.
‘Next School Year’	year commencing in the September of each year
‘The School Year’	the current school year having commenced in September
‘Parents’	a parent is any person who has parental responsibility for or is the legal guardian of the child.
‘Statutory School Age’	the term immediately following your child’s fifth birthday
‘Home Address’	we mean your child’s normal home address at the time you make your application for a place
‘Sibling’	sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer’s partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

Marsworth School values highly its Christian ethos, its close links with local churches and the Diocese of Oxford. We provide a distinctively Christian, yet inclusive, environment in which each child is motivated to acquire skills for life and a love of learning. As a church school, we welcome applications from Christian families, and those of other faiths or none. We ask all parents applying for a place at our school to respect this ethos and its importance to the whole school community.

In our school, our Christian vision shapes all we do.

Through our values of Respect, Courage, Compassion and Curiosity, Marsworth CE Infant School provides a unique, nurturing environment to inspire a love of learning in our children.

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We care for each child as an individual to support their education, social, spiritual and moral growth.

The governors have made every effort to ensure that these arrangements comply with the School Admissions Code 2021 and all relevant legislation, including that on infant class sizes and equal opportunities.

Admission Policy

The number of intended Admissions to the Nursery Class for each Academic year will be 15 at any one time.

We offer two intakes they are as follows:

- 1) A child can join the Nursery Class after their third birthday, i.e. they must have had their third birthday before they can start.
- 2) If your child is three and their fourth birthday falls between 1st September and 31st December then admission would start from the September.

The Governors will in no circumstances consider an application for earlier admission.

All parents will need to fill in the Nursery Admission Form which can be obtained from the school. Places will be allocated on the basis of applications received.

Offers of a place will be made a week receiving an application. Parents/Carers will be given 14 days in which to accept an offer in writing.

Please be aware that this offer is for a Nursery place only, and does not guarantee a full-time place at Marsworth School.

Children with an EHCP naming the school will be admitted where their needs can be met.

Places are then allocated in accordance with the following oversubscription rules:

In the event of full capacity being reached within a criteria, then the guidance as specified in criteria 5 will be applied.

- 1) Children in care.
- 2) Children with exceptional medical or social needs, supported by written evidence from a doctor, social worker, education welfare officer or other appropriate person. The Governors would also expect to receive information as to why the school is the most suitable, and the difficulties that would be caused by travelling to another school.
- 3) Children who currently live within the catchment area as marked on the map attached.
- 4) Siblings of pupils currently on roll at the school at time of entry to the nursery class.

- 5) Once the above criteria have been applied, then further places, if available, will be awarded according to the shortest straightline distance between a family's front door and the school entrance gate on Vicarage Road, Marsworth.

Applications received before the deadline will be looked at first. Late applications will only be considered if there are any places left.

Casual Admissions Policy

Admission at times other than main entry will follow the same criteria as other applications.

Waiting List Policy

When the school or the relevant year group reach its maximum admission number, children will be placed on a waiting list in priority order, to the above criteria.

No child will be refused a place because of gender, race, religious belief, academic ability or aptitude.

There is no right of appeal but any complaints about a refusal would be dealt with under the school's complaints policy. Details are available from the school upon request.

For further details please contact:

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