



St Marks VA Church of England/Methodist Ecumenical Primary School

Proposed School Admission Arrangements : School Year 2010/2011

1. The schools admission arrangements are in conjunction with the North Somerset Co-ordinated Admission Scheme for admissions for 2010/11. When administering the admission arrangements, the school will follow, unless where stated otherwise below, the definitions, procedures and timescales included within the Co-ordinated Scheme. To see a copy of the proposed scheme visit www.n-somerset.gov/admissions or contact the North Somerset School Admissions Team at the Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1UJ, Tel: 01275 884794, email: cyps.admissions@n-somerset.gov.uk
2. St Mark's Church of England/Methodist Ecumenical Primary School is a voluntary aided school. The Governing Body is the admissions authority for the school and as such determines and oversees the school's admission arrangements (following consultation).
3. It is the intention of the Governing Body to provide and develop Christian education in the Worle area. The oversubscription criteria will be reviewed annually, by the Governing Body, and published after consultation with other local admissions authorities including North Somerset LA.
4. The admission number for St Mark's VA Primary School is 60 and this is the number of places available in each year group.
5. **Over subscription Criteria for the 2010/2011 school year**

If the school is oversubscribed allocations for places will be made in accordance with the following criteria, given in order of priority:-

(a) Children in Care.

(b) Brothers and sisters of pupils on the school roll at the time of admission who have a supporting letter from a Church, meeting either criteria in d, e, f or g in that priority order. **See point 11 for essential information required to fulfil church criteria.**

(c) Brothers and sisters of pupils on the school roll at time of admission.

(d) Children and/or their parent(s)/primary carer(s) who are a practising member of either St. Mark's Church, St. Mark's Road, Weston-super-Mare, St. Martin's Church, Church Road, Worle or Mead Vale Church c/o 6 Gannet Road, Worle. **See point 11 for essential information required to fulfil church criteria.**

(e) Children and/or their parent(s)/primary carer(s) who are a practising member of an Anglican or Methodist Church (not included in criterion d). **See point 11 for essential information required to fulfil church criteria.**

(f) Children and/or their parent(s)/primary carer(s) who are a practising member of a Christian Church which is a full member of Churches Together in Weston-super-Mare District and/or Churches Together in England.

(g) To try to avoid children from the same family (for example, twins/triplets) within the same intake year group, being offered places at different schools, children with a sibling within the same year group, where St Mark's VA Primary School is the school nearest to the home address, measured in a direct line between the address points of the child's home and the main entrance to the school indicated on the Authority's computerised system(s).

(h) Children living closest to the school. The distances will be measured in a direct line between the address points of the child's home and the main entrance of the school indicated on the Authority's computerised system(s). Where an applicant lives in a flat or multi home building the address point of the building will be used if it is not possible to determine the address point of the applicants flat/home.

(i) In the event of criteria a – g being oversubscribed, criteria h will be used to determine the allocations.

6. Where St. Mark's School is named in a child's Statement of Special Education Needs the Admission Authority is legally required to admit the child to the school. Such children will therefore be allocated places before the above criteria are applied.
7. St Mark's VA Primary School is mindful of the provisions of the Equality Act 2006, Sex Discrimination Act 1975, the Race Relations Act 1976 (as amended 2000) and the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 and 2005, and the Human Rights Act 1998 when setting its policies to ensure all children are given equal opportunities to obtain a school place.

In applying these criteria:

8. For our admissions purposes a child is a sibling if they are a full or half brother or sister. A full brother or sister is defined who have the same biological or adoptive parents. A half brother or sister is defined as children who share only one biological or adoptive parent. For the first round applications a sibling must be attending the school at the time of admission and at the closing date.
9. In the event that a final place(s) cannot be allocated as it is impossible to further define a difference between applications (for example determining an allocation from persons of the same household such as children of multiple births or residing in the same household/building or other applications, where the distances are equal), priority will be given to those living closest to the school, measured by the shortest walking route from the address point of the pupil's home indicated on the Local Authority's Computerised System, to the nearest entrance to the school site. If these distances are also equal, the final place(s) allocation will be determined by drawing lots.

10. A parent includes all those people, including carers, who have parental responsibility for a child as set out in the Children Act 1989.
11. For criteria b, d, e, f **it is essential that the wording on the reference form, at the end of this policy, is used by the Minister, Vicar, Priest or Church Leader if you are applying for a place at St Mark's whether it is a first, second or third place preference.** In order to fulfil the requirements of the church criteria, the child and/or their parent(s)/primary carer(s) would need to attend church at least twice a month for a period of not less than the previous six months. **The reference must confirm this.** It is essential that this letter must be received by the North Somerset Council School Admissions Team by 23rd October 2009 to be considered in the first round of allocations. Failure to supply such a letter will invalidate consideration of a pupil under those criteria.

Appendix

Reference Form

To: The Governing Body of St Mark's VA Primary School
c/o North Somerset Council, School Admissions Team, North Somerset Council

I *can/cannot confirm that (name of child)
and/or their parent(s)/primary carer(s) (names)
have attended the above mentioned Church at least twice a month for a period of not less than the previous six months.

I understand that my confirmation of this attendance satisfies the requirements of being a practising member of a Church identified in criteria *b, d, e or f as stated in the Admissions Policy 2010/2011.

Signed:

Dated:

*Position:

Minister/Vicar/Priest or Church Leader

* please circle as appropriate