High Ercall Primary School – Admissions Policy

Determined Admission Arrangements

2027-28

The school has an agreed admission number of **20 pupils** for the Reception Year. The school will accordingly admit up to 20 pupils in the relevant age group each year up to Year 2, if sufficient applications are received.

The school has an agreed admission number of **24 pupils** for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. The school will admit pupils into these year groups up to the published number if sufficient applications are received.

Applications will then be considered and in the case of oversubscribed schools, the following criteria will be applied for High Ercall Primary School:

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school will be allocated places.

After which, applications will be considered and in the case of oversubscribed schools the following criteria will be applied:

1. Those children who are or were previously looked after by Telford & Wrekin or any other local authority, children previously in state care outside of England and have ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

and then:

2. Children who live in the school's defined attendance area.

If places are unavailable for all of these local children, then places will be given first to:

a) those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the school is essential for their medical well being; and then

b) those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step brother(s), step sister(s),half brother(s) or half sister(s) **living as a family at the same address** and who attend the school;

c) other children living in the school's attendance area.

3. Children of staff

4. Any places which remain available will then be allocated to applicants from outside the school's defined attendance area in the priority order a) to b)

The admission of the **children of staff** is defined in the admissions code as being in either or both of the following circumstances;

a. *Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application of admission to the school is made, and/or*

b. *The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.*

If there are insufficient places for all children in any one category, places will be allocated on the basis of the distance between home and a central point in the school as measured by straight line distance with those closest having priority. Distances are measured using Telford and Wrekin Council's computerised mapping system.

If there are a limited number of places available and we cannot distinguish between applicants using the criteria listed, such as in the case of children who live in the same block of flats or who are the result of a multiple birth, then the child(ren) who will be offered the available place(s) will be determined randomly by the drawing of lots.

The following definitions apply in the case of **looked after** and **home address.**

1. Children who are **looked after** (in public care**)** are those children who are subject of a court order and the local authority share parental responsibility with the natural parents, or others who hold parental responsibility; and children who are looked after by the local authority under a voluntary agreement with the parents. Looked after children also include those children who were previously looked after but were adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after.

2. A child's **home address** will be the normal residence of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who has care of the child. Where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility, each for part of the week, the home address will be considered to be the address of the parent where the child spends most time. If time is spent equally between the two parents, the home address will normally be taken to be the address registered to receive child benefit in respect of the child. In the event of shared care parents must opt to use one address for all the preferences expressed.

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