

## Admissions Policy

Patterdale C of E School

Admissions Policy 2009-2010 If at any time there are more applicants than six places available, children will be admitted in the following order of priority, which will be applied in conjunction with the notes below.

1. Looked after children giving priority, if necessary, to the youngest child(ren). (see note 1 below)
2. Children living in the catchment area who have brothers or sisters in the school at the time of admission. (See note 2 below).
3. Other children living in the catchment area giving priority to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking route by
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6. Children living outside the catchment area who have brothers or sisters in the school at the time of their admission. (See note 2 below).
7. Children living outside the catchment area, giving priority to those who live closest to the school, measured in a straight line on the map (to the front entrance of the school) An exception may be made if a child has a statement of special educational needs naming Patterdale C of E primary School, as in these circumstances the Governing Body would have a statutory duty to admit the child concerned.

Note 1 - A looked after child is defined as a child accommodated or in care under Section 20 or Part (iv) or (v) of the Children Act 1989, Section 23 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969 or as a result of Wardship proceedings.

Note 2 - If it is necessary to categories 2 or 5, priority will be given to those children with the youngest siblings. Brothers and sisters are those living at the same address and includes step and foster children.

**APPEALS** Where the governors are unable to offer a place because the school is over subscribed, parents have the right to appeal to an independent admission appeal panel, set up under the School Standards and Framework Act, 1998, as amended by the Education Act, 2002. Parents should notify the clerk\* to the governors at the school within 14 days of receiving the letter refusing a place. Parents will have the opportunity to submit their case to the panel in writing and also to attend in order to present their case. You will normally receive 14 days notice of the place and time of the hearing. Clerk to the governors - Ms Christine Kenyon c/o Patterdale C of E Primary School, Patterdale Penrith Cumbria CA11 0NL

**DEFERRED ADMISSION** If your child is due to start school during the next academic year, it is important that you apply for a place for September. If your child's fifth birthday is between the months of September and December, then, if you wish it, admission may be deferred until January; if it is between January and April, then admission may be deferred until the start of the summer term though it is likely to be in your child's interest to start no later than January.

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS** The closing date for applications for September entry will be the date published by the LA in the parental information pack. Applications should be submitted using the LA preference form.