



Bickerstaffe CE School

Love each other as I have loved you...

John 15:12 from The Vine and the Branches

*Love life

*Love learning

*Love each other

Admissions Policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools

RATIONALE

The school provides for a total of not more than 120 children and the number of places for any intake year will be 15.

The Governors will not place any restriction on the admissions for Reception age pupils, unless they are advised that the number of children for whom admission is sought is likely to exceed that number.

Parents will be asked to express 3 equal preferences for a primary school. If Bickerstaffe C.E. School is oversubscribed, Lancashire County Council's published criteria will be used to determine admittance.

If a school place is not offered parents have the right to appeal, and must lodge this with the Local Authority.

IN YEAR ADMISSIONS

Parents of Reception age children, from the Spring term onwards, should apply directly to school for a place; those applying to join other year groups should do so any time from the Autumn term.

When a year group is over-subscribed parents have the right to appeal, but must do so through the Local Authority.

A waiting list will be created if a year group is over-subscribed.

The school has an official intake number of 15 children for each age group. If school is oversubscribed, then the following LCC admissions priorities apply in order:

1. Looked after children and those who have been previously looked after/adopted.
2. Children for whom the Local Authority accepts that there are exceptional medical social or welfare reasons which are directly relevant to the school concerned.

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if any changes.

3. Children with older brothers and sisters attending the school when the younger child will start.
4. Remaining places are allocated according to where a child lives. Those living nearest to the preferred school by a straight line (radial) measure will have priority.