

TANKERSLEY C of E (A) PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY



"Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour and my hope is in you all day long"

We aim high and have self-belief

We have community spirit

We are enterprising

We have enquiring minds

We are respectful

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Admission Policy for Tankersley St. Peter's C of E Aided Primary School 2024-2025

Introduction

Tankersley St. Peter's Church of England Aided Primary School is a Church of England voluntary aided primary school in the Diocese of Sheffield and is maintained by Barnsley LA.

The school provides a distinctively Christian education for children aged 4+ to 11+ years, with priority being given to children who live and worship within the parish of *Tankersley*.

Tankersley St. Peter's is a Voluntary Aided School in which the Governing Body is the Admission Authority and responsible for admissions. It is guided in that responsibility by the requirements of law, the school trust deed, by advice from the Diocesan Board of Education and its duty to the community.

The Reception class admission number for 2024-25 is 30 and children will be admitted during the Autumn term following their 4th birthday. Where parents wish to defer entry or request that the child attends part-time, the request will be considered where it appears to be in the best interest of the child. **All children will be admitted by the term following their 5th birthday – compulsory school age.**

Making an Application

Applications for admission to the school must be made via the Barnsley Council admissions website by the specified closing date

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/schools-and-learning/school-admissions-and-transfers/primary-school-places/>

Applications are made by the completion of the on-line form and the Church of England Aided School SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM, which is available for collection from the school office.

Admissions Procedure and Co-ordinated Scheme for Admission Arrangements and Oversubscription Criteria

The admission number for the school is 30. The Governing Body will not place any restrictions on the admissions unless the number of children for whom admission is sought exceeds this number.

The Local Authority operates a co-ordinated admissions scheme and administers a system of equal preferences under which all applications are considered equally and the Governing Body allocates the available places in accordance with its published admissions policy. In the event that there are more applications than place available, the Governing Body will allocate places using the following criteria, which are listed in order of priority. The Local Authority will inform parents of the offer places in April 24.

Where there are more applications for admission than the planned admission number stated (footnote 1), the Governing Body/Admission Committee will apply the following criteria in strict order of priority:

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Children who have a Statement of Special Educational Need and the school is named as the most appropriate educational setting for the child will be admitted.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION ADMISSIONS CRITERIA:

Priority will be given to :-

Children who are in Public Care (Looked After Children)⁵ **and** children who have previously been Looked After.

**Then,
Category One**

The children of parents/carers who are resident within the ecclesiastical parish of Tankersley and :

- 1a whose parents/carers will have an elder brother or sister in school at the anticipated time of admission(Footnote 2)
- 1b whose parents/carers regularly and frequently attend the parish church of Tankersley St. Peter's or St. Paul's Pilley.(Footnote 3)
- 1c whose parents/carers regularly and frequently attend another Church of England church
- 1d whose parents/carers regularly and frequently attend another Christian denomination participating in "Churches Together in England"
- 1e whose parents/carers are active members of other World Faiths and who wish their child to attend this Church of England School
- 1f whose parents/carers are seeking a Christian environment for their child's education

Category Two

The children of parents/carers who are resident outside the ecclesiastical parish of Tankersley and :

- 2a whose parents/carers will have an elder brother or sister in school at the anticipated time of admission(Footnote 2)
- 2b whose parents/carers regularly and frequently attend the parish church of Tankersley St. Peter's or St. Paul's Pilley.(Footnote 3)
- 2c whose parents/carers regularly and frequently attend another Church of England church
- 2d whose parents/carers regularly and frequently attend another Christian denomination participating in "Churches Together in England"
- 2e whose parents/carers are active members of other World Faiths and who wish their child to attend this Church of England School

2f whose parents/carers are seeking a Christian environment for their child's education

3 All other children

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church [or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church [or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] or alternative premises have been available for public worship."

Should the admission number be reached mid-category, applications in that category will be prioritised on the shortest distance measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority.

In the event of two or more children living equidistant from the school, the place will be decided by drawing lots. The first name drawn will be offered the place.

Place of residence

The child's ordinary place of residence will be deemed to be a residential property at which the person or persons with parental responsibility for the child resides at the closing date for receiving applications for admission to the school.

Where parental responsibility is held by more than one person and those persons reside in separate properties, the child's ordinary place of residence will be deemed to be that property at which the child resides for the greater part of the week, including weekends.

Late Applications

Late applications will be dealt with in accordance with the Local Authority scheme.

Waiting List

Waiting Lists will be dealt with in accordance with the LA Scheme

1. Names of children will automatically be placed on the waiting list for this school when the child has been refused admission.
2. A vacancy only arises when the number of offers to the school falls below the admission number.
3. The waiting list will be established on the offer day.
4. The waiting list is determined according to the Governing Body's priority of admission over-subscription criteria.
5. Following the offer day, should an application be received for the school where the pupil has a higher priority as determined by the admissions criteria for a place at the school, it will be placed on the list, above those with a lower priority.

Timetable

Closing date for receiving applications –January 2024

The date for offers made to parents - April 2024

False Information

1. Where the Governing Body has made an offer of a place at this school on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from a parent, which has effectively denied a place to a child with a stronger claim to a place at the school, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.
2. Where a child starts attending the school on the basis of fraudulent and intentionally misleading information the place may be withdrawn depending on the length of time that the child has been at the school.
3. Where a place or an offer has been withdrawn, the application will be re-considered and a right of independent appeal offered if the place is refused.

Applications outside of the normal admissions round

Applications outside the normal admissions round will be dealt with in accordance with the LA scheme.

Appeals against the Governing Body's decision to refuse admission

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.

1. If a place is not offered at the School parents have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel formed in accordance with the legislation. Details of the appeals procedure will be sent to parents by the Local Authority.
2. Parents who intend to make an appeal against the Governing Body's decision to refuse admission must submit a notice of appeal within 20 days of receiving the refusal letter to:

Admissions Officer
People Directorate
Barnsley Metropolitan Council
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG

Parents making an appeal will receive at least 10 school day's notice of their appeal hearing. Normally, appeal hearings will be held within six weeks of the closing date for receiving the notice of appeal.

Decision letters will be sent within 5 school days of the hearing wherever possible.

Admission to the Nursery

Children are admitted to the Nursery when they have attained the age of three years. When the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available the over-subscription criteria are applied.

In the event of a situation where the number of places exceeds the number of applicants then children who have attained the age of three years first will be considered for a place, according to their DOB. Should the number of applicants then exceed the number of places, admission will be determined through application of the over-subscription criteria.

Footnotes:

Footnote 1

This number has been calculated according to the net capacity of the school, which the law defines and has been agreed with Barnsley LA

Footnote 2

Definition of Sibling

For the sibling criteria to be applicable, one of the following conditions must exist:

- a) a brother and / or sister is to be permanently resident at the same address
- b) a stepbrother and / or stepsister is to be permanently resident at the same address (to include half brothers / sisters)
- c) a brother and/or sister who do not live at the same residence but, who share the same parent.

You may be required to provide proof eg Birth Certificate and proof of residence as stated above.

Footnote 3.

Definition of “regular and frequent”

The Governing Body defines regular and frequent as attendance at the place of worship at least once a month for a minimum period of eighteen months prior to the closing date for applications.

Footnote 4

Churches Together in England

Please refer to the website for an up to date list:

www.churches-together.org.uk

Footnote 5

Definition of Looked After Children

This term refers to children who are either in care (subject to a care order) or accommodated by a local authority.