

YSGOL WIRFODDOL EGLWYSIG Y MODEL MODEL CHURCH IN WALES SCHOOL

Mission Statement

The Model Church in Wales School's mission is to work within a Christian ethos to nurture and develop all that is best in our pupils providing them with a sure foundation for their future.



Admissions Policy

Policy confirmed by the Governing body of Model Church in Wales School on:

Date:

Signed: (Chair of Governors)

..... (Headteacher).

Reviewed 24th April 2018 Panel: Policy

"Jesus our 'Model',
Helps us to share
Learning and Kindness,
Friendship and care"

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1. Ethos of the School

- 1.1. The Model Church in Wales School is a Voluntary Aided School. Trusting in God we aim to:
- Ensure that each child realises his or her full potential
 - Meet the needs of individual children in a caring Christian environment
 - Develop mutually supportive links between home and school and Church and the wider community
 - Develop confidence, independence, and self-esteem, together with respect for all people
 - Provide high quality teaching and stimulating learning opportunities
 - Establish high expectations of attitude, behaviour and achievement
 - Prepare children for their responsibilities as good citizens and develop their awareness of their role in the wider community.

2. Introduction

- 2.1. We are an inclusive school that welcomes children from all backgrounds and abilities.
- 2.2. The governing body of the Model Church in Wales School applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend this school. The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 introduced a new framework for school admissions as of September 2000. This policy conforms to the regulations that are set out in that Act and also further explained in the statutory School Admissions Code of Practice and the statutory Appeals Code of Practice.
- 2.3. Other than for pupils with a statement of Educational Needs naming our school, the level of ability of a child or any special needs that s/he may have plays no part in the admissions policy of this school.
- 2.4. The only restriction we place on entry is that of number. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available, we enforce the procedure set out below in order to determine whether a child is accepted or not. It is our wish to allow parents the right to have a place at the school of their choice. However, this is not always possible, due to the excess demand on the school places available.

3. How parents can apply for their child to be admitted to our school

- 3.1. As our school is a voluntary Church in Wales primary school, the school's Governing Body determines the admission arrangements. The Governing Body is therefore the Admissions

Authority for our school. Forms are available from the school or you may make application on the Carmarthenshire County Council website – school admission section.

- 3.2. The Governing Body publishes a prospectus each year which gives information about how parents can apply for a place in this school.
- 3.3. Parents/ carers of prospective pupils are welcome to visit the school to help them decide about applying for a place.
- 3.4. The closing date for applications for the admission round is the same as those stated in the document for community and Voluntary Controlled schools i.e. 31st January in the year before they start school.

4. Our admissions policy is as follows:

- 4.1. In this school children enter school in the term after they become three. They will be first invited to attend for a term of afternoon sessions, followed by a term of morning sessions and in the third term they will be able to attend full-time
- 4.2. Applications for admission are assessed following the admission round closing date. Should there be more applications for admission than places available then applications will be prioritised in accordance with the school's over-subscription criteria.
- 4.3. **Over Subscription Criteria**

Priority will be given to applications using the following criteria:

- 1) Looked After Children and Previously Looked after Children.
- 2) Children who live within the historic parish boundaries of St. David's and St. Peter's Carmarthen.
- 3) Children who have brothers or sisters already attending the school.
- 4) Children who have received a Christian baptism and who live outside the parishes of St David's and St Peter's, if there is space available. A letter of support could also be requested from the local parish priest.

Children with statements of Educational Needs naming the school will be awarded places prior to the over-subscription criteria being

Please Note – in each of the categories above priority will be given to:

- a. Looked-after children and children who are temporarily resident in Carmarthen's Women's Aid refuge.
- b. The children of armed forces personnel who are admitted outside the normal admission round:
- c. Children whose twin or other sibling from multiple birth is admitted as non-

excepted pupils, as the final pupils(s) allocated a place before the admission number is reached.

- d. Excepted pupils will now maintain this status for the duration of their time in an infant class or until classes are reorganized or numbers are at a level that complies with infant size legislation.
- e. The distance from home to the school, as measured by the shortest radius from the most central school building will be used as a criterion for determining priority, with those living nearest the school being given priority and a place at the school before those living further away.

5. Admission appeals

- 5.1. If parents wish to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying to the Governing Body. An independent appeals panel then meets to consider all appeals by parents who have been refused a place at our school and who wish to appeal against this decision.
- 5.2. There is no statutory appeal procedure in the case of refusal of admission to Early Years/Nursery if a child is under statutory age to attend school.
- 5.3. An appeals panel's decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decides that we should admit a child to our school, then we will accept this and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all the children at our school. (Details of appeal arrangements are set out in the current Welsh Government Schools Admission Appeals Code).

6. The admission number

- 6.1. The admission number is the number of children which the Governing Body can admit into a year group. The Admission Number for the school is 60 per year group as stated in the Local Authority schedule of schools together with the school's total pupil capacity.

6.2. Monitoring and Review

- 6.3. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Governing Body.