

# **Ludlow Church of England School**

# **Admissions Policy**

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#### **Admissions Policy**

Ludlow CE School is an 11-16 community school, with a church foundation. We are part of the Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust. We are a fully inclusive school, welcoming all applications for admission, regardless of ability, aptitude or faith.

The school has a Published Admission Number (PAN) of **140** for each Year 7 intake. Our admission process follows Shropshire Council guidelines. Full details can be accessed from their website www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

#### Visiting the school

The school offers an Open Evening early in the Autumn Term for parents/carers and prospective students, to find out more about our school. For families wishing to visit at other times, please contact the school and a senior member of staff will be pleased to show and your family around. We are proud of our school, and are always pleased to show prospective parents/carers and students our school in action.

#### Applications

Parents or carers of Year 6 children resident in Shropshire will be required in the Autumn term prior to the school year of transfer, to make an application via the Shropshire Council website, naming three preferences. This online application facility will be available in early September. Full details are given in Shropshire Council's "Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire" booklet, and it is recommended that parents read the booklet before completing an application.

Children who have an Education Health and Care Plan or a Statement of Special Educational Needs, which names the school which the child should attend because their needs can be best met by that particular school, will be offered places before other children.

Where there are more applications than places available, allocations are made in accordance with oversubscription criteria. In general terms, they are based on the following criteria:

- 1. Highest priority is to be given to looked after (LAC) and previously looked after children (PLAAC), including internationally adopted previously looked after children (IAPLAC)
- 2. Children *living within the designated catchment area with an older sibling on roll at the date they are due to join the school,* have next priority [see catchment map Appendix 1]
- 3. All other children living within the catchment area, is followed by
- 4. Attendance\* at a primary school within catchment:
  - Bishop Hooper CE Primary School
  - Bitterley CE Primary School
  - Bucknell, St Mary's CE Primary School
  - Corvedale CE Primary School
  - Ludlow Primary School
  - St Laurence CE Primary School
  - Onny CE Primary School
  - Stokesay Primary School

\* The child will need to have been on roll at the primary school for more than one academic year, i.e., at the end for the Summer term of Year 5

- 5. Out of area, with sibling already at Ludlow School
- 6. Proximity of home address to the school

Where an application is unsuccessful, parents/carers may wish to put their names on a waiting list or appeal against the decision.

#### **Mid-Term or In-Year Admissions**

In accordance with the revised School Admissions Code 2021, the school co-ordinates in-year admissions, and not Shropshire Council. Parents or carers can apply for a place at any time, and the application is made directly to us, using a mid-term application form available on our website, or Shropshire Council's website, listed above. Should you wish your child to join the school after the start of Year 7, please contact the school in the first instance, in order to make an appointment to visit the school. Decisions regarding in-year applications will be considered by members of the Senior Leadership Team, within 10 school days, issuing a decision within 15 school days.

We inform Shropshire Council of all applications received and their outcome to allow Shropshire Council to keep up to date figures on availability of places. If an application is refused, please see Appendix 2 regarding the right to appeal against the refusal. Some applications may be considered under the Fair Access Protocol. Full details are available on the Shropshire Council website.

### Appendix 1

### Catchment Maps



