

BARKISLAND C.E. (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL

NURSERY ADMISSIONS POLICY 2019/20



The Governing Body of Barkisland C.E. (VA) Primary School is the admissions authority for the Nursery, not the Local Authority.

MAKING AN APPLICATION

The school can admit children into the Nursery provision from the term following their third birthday and until they reach full-time school age.

Applications for admission to the Nursery should be made using the Nursery application form which can be obtained from the school website or from the school office and returned to the school direct on, or before the stated closing dates below:

Who?	What?	September 2019 Intake	January 2020 Intake	April 2020 Intake
Barkisland CE (VA) Primary School	Application forms available	Friday 12 th April 2019	Friday 13 th September 2019	Friday 10 th January 2020
Parents/carers	Open Day (Parents only) (time slots will be available)	3 rd May 2019	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Parents/carers	Application forms to be returned by	Friday 10 th May 2019	Friday 27 th September 2019	Friday 24 th January 2020
Barkisland CE (VA) Primary School	Notification of sessions offered by	Tuesday 21 st May 2019	Friday 4 th October 2019	Friday 14 th February 2020
Parents/carers	Contract and Terms and Conditions to be returned to Barkisland by	Thursday 13 th June 2019	Friday 25 th October 2019	Friday 6 th March 2020
Parents/carers	Parents Information Evening	Thursday 13 th June 2019	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Parents/carers & children	Morning or Afternoon Taster Session	Friday 5 th July 2019	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Parents/carers & children	Lunch Time Taster session (time slots will be available)	2 nd or 9 th July (book on Parents information evening)	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Parents/carers & children	Nursery begins	Monday 9 th September 2019	Tuesday 7 th January 2020	Monday 20 th April 2020

In line with nationally agreed dates, a child's eligibility for a nursery place in 2018/2019 is determined as follows:

Born Between	Will Become Eligible from	Starting Date 2019/2020
Children who turned 3 before the 1st April 2019 will be eligible for a place from September 2019		
1st April 2016 – 31st August 2016	1 st September following their third birthday	Autumn Term From 9 th September 2019
1st September 2016 – 31st December 2016	1 st January following their third birthday	Spring Term From 7 th January 2020
1st January 2017 – 31st March 2017	1 st April following their third birthday	Summer Term From 20 th April 2020

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

The **Planned Admission Number** for admission to each Nursery session in the school year commencing **September 2019** is 13. This arrangement follows statutory guidelines for staffing ratios and space requirements.

The School's Governing Body allocates the available places in accordance with its published admissions policy. In the event there are more applications than places available, the Governing Body will allocate places using the following criteria, which are listed in order of priority. The School will inform parents of the offer of a place on the date stipulated overleaf.

The school will be able to admit pupils each term (September, January and April) where places permit.

If you wish to apply under Christian Commitment Criteria you should obtain a copy of the **School's Information Form (SIF)** from school and return the SIF to school by the dates set out overleaf along with the application form.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES

Barkisland CE VA Primary School will admit children with Educational Health Care Plans in which the School Nursery Provision is named on the plan.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

Where the number of applications for Barkisland C.E. (VA) Primary School Nursery Provision received during the normal admissions round exceeds the admission number of the school, the Governing Body will apply the following criteria in strict order of priority:

1 Looked after children

- a) Children in care (A child who is looked after by the Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989).

OR

- b) Children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they became adopted or became subject to residence or special guardianship order.

2 Church Affiliation² (in order of priority)

- a) A child whose parents/guardians reside within the parish¹ of Barkisland and West Scammonden and have been **worshipping at Christ Church, Barkisland** for a minimum of 2 years at the time of application and:
 - i. who are **'at the heart of the church'**^{2a}
 - ii. who are **'attached to the church'**^{2b}

- b) A child whose parents/guardians reside within the parish¹ of Barkisland and West Scammonden and have been **worshipping at St Bartholomew's, West Scammonden** for a minimum of 2 years at the time of application and :
 - i. who are **'at the heart of the church'**^{2a}
 - ii. who are **attached to the church'**^{2b}

- c) A child whose parents/guardians reside within the parish¹ of Barkisland and West Scammonden and have been **worshipping at St Bartholomew's, Ripponden or St. John's Rishworth** for a minimum of 2 years at the time of application and:
 - i. who are **'at the heart of the church'**^{2a}
 - ii. who are **attached to the church'**^{2b}

- d) A child whose parents/guardians reside within the parish¹ of Barkisland and West Scammonden and have been **worshipping at another Christian church recognised by Churches Together in England and Wales** for a minimum of 2 years at the time of application and:
 - i. who are **'at the heart of the church'**^{2a}
 - ii. who are **'attached to the church'**^{2b}

A 'Supplementary Information Form' (SIF) to provide confirmation of Christian commitment is available from the school. The form should be signed by the Vicar, Rector, Priest in Charge, etc. During an interregnum the form should be signed by a Churchwarden.

Parents having moved to become resident in the parish mentioned above, having been worshippers at another Christian church recognised by Churches Together in England and Wales for a minimum of 2 years at the time of application, will qualify upon proof of membership being provided by the priest of that other parish in order of the criteria stated above.

3 Locality¹

A child of parents/guardians residing within the parish of Barkisland and West Scammonden.

4 Siblings⁷ (in order of priority)

- a) A child who has a brother or sister attending the school (not including the nursery provision) at the proposed date of admission. The child or their parents must have been **worshipping at Christ Church, Barkisland** for a minimum of 2 years at the time of application and be:
 - i. **'at the heart of the church'**^{2a}
 - ii. **'attached to the church'**^{2b}

- b) A child who has a brother or sister attending the school (not the including nursery provision) at the proposed date of admission. The child or their parents must have been **worshipping at St Bartholomew's, Deanhead** for a minimum of 2 years at the time of application and be:
 - i. **'at the heart of the church'**^{2a}
 - ii. **'attached to the church'**^{2b}

- c) A child who has a brother or sister attending the school (not the nursery provision) at the proposed date of admission. The child or their parents must have been **worshipping at St Bartholomew's, Ripponden or St. John's Rishworth** for a minimum of 2 years at the time of application and be:
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5 Other children

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 1 A map showing the parish boundaries is available from the school on request.
- 2 a) **'At the heart of the church'**
A person who worships at least twice per month. The worshipper could be one or both parents or the child.
- 2 b) **Attached to the church'**
A person who attends a monthly family or church parade service or is involved in a weekday church activity including an element of worship. The worshipper could be one or both parents or the child.

3 Parents

'Parents' include all those people who have a parental responsibility for a child as set out in the Children Act 1989. Where responsibility for a child is shared, the person receiving Child Benefit is deemed to be the parent responsible for completing application forms, and whose address will be used for admissions purposes.

4 Home Address and Residing in

The Home Address will be the address used for correspondence related to where “Child Benefit” is paid. In cases where there is doubt of the home address or where a child lives between two homes (split families) or other relevant circumstances, proof of the Home Address must be provided to the school to confirm the address used on the application form. Home address will be the address that complies with the above at the closing date for applications set by the school.

Parents/carers must give their correct address. This must be the child’s current permanent place of residence and not a childminder’s or grandparents’ address. Where parental responsibility is held by more than one person and those person’s reside in separate properties, the child’s ordinary place of residence will be deemed to be that property where the parent receives child benefit. An offer of a place may be withdrawn if a false address is given.

Parents/carers should note that when allocating places, the school will only consider the child’s current permanent place of residence and an intention to move to another address is not taken into consideration.

However, families who are due to move house imminently should provide:

- i) A Solicitor’s letter confirming that exchange of Contracts has taken place on the purchase of a property; or
- ii) a copy of the current Rental Agreement, signed by both the Tenants and the Landlords, showing the address of the property; or
- iii) in the case of SERVING H.M. Forces personnel, an official letter confirming their date of posting from the MOD, FCO or GCHQ.

5 Other Christian Churches (Churches Together in England)

The Baptist Union of Great Britain

Cherubim and Seraphim Council of Churches

Church of England

Church of Scotland

Congregational Federation

Council of African and Afro-Caribbean Churches

Council of Oriental Orthodox Christian Churches

Free Churches’ Council

Greek Orthodox Church

Independent Methodist Churches

Joint Council for Anglo-Caribbean Churches

Lutheran Council of Great Britain

Methodist Church

Moravian Church

New Testament Assembly

Religious Society of Friends

Roman Catholic Church

Russian Orthodox Church

Salvation Army

United Reform Church

Wesleyan Holiness Church

Ichthus Christian Fellowship

International Ministerial Council of Great Britain

6 The term “Sibling” is defined as:

- a full or half brother or sister
- a step brother or sister
- an adoptive brother or sister
- the children of parents living together in the same family household.

Step-brother, step-sister, half-brother and half-sister are defined as children who belong to only one parent living in the same family household. The Governing Body will, as far as possible, admit twins, triplets or children from other multiple births as long as they comply with the EYFS space requirements stated in the EYFS statutory framework.

7 Oversubscription within categories

If there are more applications in a particular category than the number of places available, the remaining places will be offered to the children whose home address is nearest to school.

Waiting List

Parents/carers who wish their child to be included on the waiting list must inform the school in writing. Any places that become available will be allocated according to the published oversubscription criteria of the admission policy with no account being taken of the length of time on the waiting list or any priority order expressed as part of the main admission round.

The waiting list will be reviewed and revised:

- each time a child is added to, or removed from, the waiting list
- when a child’s changed circumstances will affect their priority

Emergency nursery places

At the discretion of the Governing Body and the Headteacher, a child of nursery age may be granted a nursery place when emergency circumstances make this necessary, provided the numbers of pupils in the nursery allow this to be done. Such emergencies could include the serious illness of or accident to a parent, but many other circumstances would be considered.

Reception Class Applications

The school hopes that if children are happy and settled with the staff and children at this school, parents may wish to consider applying for a Reception Class place at the school in September 2020 once the Nursery year is over. However, a place in this school’s nursery class does not give an automatic right to a place in this school’s Reception Class. All parents must follow the application procedure for Reception Class places, for which details and application forms will be available in Autumn 2019, this is an on-line process via the Local Authority.