



Admissions Policy

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Our Vision Statement

Children are at the heart of everything we do and Christ is the light that guides us. [John 8:12](#). We are committed to ensuring children encounter and achieve the highest possible standards through partnership with our entire school community. We provide a happy, stimulating environment rooted in Christian values. Our aim is to equip individuals with the Christian Values (courage, love, friendship, hope, forgiveness, and respect) and life skills needed to live in peace with each other, to take their place in the wider world and to make a contribution to it.

- Christian values and compassion are cherished and are the heartbeat of our actions.
- Every aspect of school life is centred around how to make a positive impact on every child.
- Children are nurtured to help them feel safe and happy.
- Everyone in our school is valued and respected
- We intend for every child to be able to grow, reach their full potential and develop a lifelong love of learning
- Everyone's efforts and achievements are celebrated
- We help each other to make healthy lifestyle choices.
- Everyone is encouraged to make a positive contribution to their future in a diverse world.

Our Christian Values

COURAGE LOVE FRIENDSHIP HOPE FORGIVENESS RESPECT



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1 Introduction

- 1.1 Our governing body 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 was later revised in the Education Act of 2002. Our Admissions policy conforms to the regulations that are set out in that Act and are further explained in the statutory School Admissions Code of Practice and the statutory Appeals Code of Practice. These were revised in January 2003 and come into force in September 2004.

2 Aims

- 2.1 We seek to be an inclusive school, welcoming children from all backgrounds and abilities.
- 2.2 All applications will be treated on merit, and in a sensitive manner.
- 2.3 The only restriction we place on entry is that of number. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available, we adopt the oversubscription criteria set out in the determined admission arrangements. It is our wish for parents to find a place for their child at the school of their choice. However, this is not always possible, due to excess demand on the places available.
- 2.4 A child's level of ability is irrelevant to this school's admissions policy, as are any special needs the child may have.

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

- 3.1 Our school is a Voluntary Controlled School, and it determines the admission arrangements in agreement with the LA. In year admissions are dealt with by the school according to the determined admissions arrangements which can be found on the school website. www.lostockgralam.cheshire.sch.uk/ and Cheshire West and Chester Council website <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/object-to-school-admission-arr/determined-admission-arrangeme.aspx>
- 3.2 The LA's annual admissions booklet informs parents how to apply for a place at the school of their choice. Parents have a right to express their preference, but this does not, in itself, guarantee a place at that particular school. Application should be made on a form or on line at <https://cwc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal/>
- 3.3 In this area, children enter school at the start of the academic year in which they become five. There is one admission date per year, early in September (i.e. when the autumn term begins).

4 Admission appeals

- 4.1 If we do not offer a child a place at this school, this will be because to do so would prejudice the education of other children by allowing the number of children in the school to increase too much.
- 4.2 If parents wish to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying to the LA. An independent panel considers all such appeals, and its decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decides that we should admit a child to whom we had refused a place, then we will accept this



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decision and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all the children at our school. (Further details of appeal arrangements are set out in the revised Code of Practice on School Admissions Appeals, which comes into force in September 2004.)

5 *The Published Admission Number (PAN)*

5.1 This is the number of children that the school can accommodate. The standard number for our school is 30 pupils in each year group. We keep this number under review, and the governors will apply to change the number if circumstances change.

6 *Sizes of classes for infants*

6.1 We teach KS1 children (aged five to seven) in classes that have a maximum number of 30 children.

7 *Monitoring and review*

7.1 This policy will be monitored by the governing body and reviewed every three years, or earlier in the light of any changed circumstances, either in our school or in the local area. The policy will always take due note of guidance provided by the local Admissions Forum.