St. Luke's Halsall C.E. Voluntary Aided Primary School

My commandment is this, 'Love one another as I love you.'- John 15 v 12

At St. Luke's Halsall we value each person and believe that there is something extraordinary and wondrous in everybody as unique creations of God.

We aspire to let the love of Jesus run through all we do and are, so shaping us as a family of God, which enables everyone to grow and flourish, spreading His love to all those we meet through our service to others, now and always.

This empowers each one of us to live out and be challenged by our mission of,

'Inspiring lives, building futures together with Jesus'

Admission Policy and Arrangements for 2027-2028

1) St. Luke's Halsall C.E. Voluntary Aided Primary School is in the Diocese of Liverpool.

2) The Governing Body of the school is responsible for determining and administering the policy relating to the admission of pupils to the school. It is guided in that responsibility by the requirements of law.

3) Having consulted with the LA, the Governing Body has set its planned admission number at 30 pupils for the school year commencing September 2027.

4) All admissions will be considered with reference to the set criteria.

5) Pupils who are admitted into the school will enter the Reception Class in September 2027.

Admission Policy 2027-2028

St. Luke's Halsall C.E. Voluntary Aided Primary School is in the Diocese of Liverpool.

The ethos of the school is based on Christian principles and is guided by the teachings of the Church of England.

The Governors, who are responsible for admissions to the school, have agreed with the Local Education Authority to admit thirty pupils for the Reception year group. These arrangements and the admission criteria are reviewed annually.

When there are more applications than there are places available the Governors will admit pupils according to the following criteria, which are set out in order of priority below.

1. ***Children in public care and previously looked after children.*** *This includes any "looked after child", "previously looked after children" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. 'Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. This criteria also includes looked after children and all previously looked after children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.*

2. Siblings – children who have a **brother or sister*** attending school during their first term in the school. (*see glossary for full definition).

3. Children whose parent/guardian/carer(s) are attached to St. Luke's Church(*).

4. Children whose parent/guardian/carer(s) are attached to another Christian Church(*).

5. Children who currently attend St. Luke's Halsall CE Nursery at the time of the application deadline.

6. Any other children who live closest to the school. This will be measured as nearest walking distance. (in line with Sefton's current practice).

Please Note

*3. Attached to St. Luke's Church – children of parent/guardian/carer(s) who worship at St. Luke's Church on at least a monthly basis, for the 12-month period before the application deadline for the child to start school (normally January). A completed Supplementary Information Form will be required from the appropriate minister of religion.

*4. Attached to another Christian Church – (Christian church means any church which is designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York or locally by the diocesan bishop, or is a member of churches Together in England, or the Evangelical Alliance, or a partner church of Affinity) - children of parent/guardian/carer(s) who worship at Church on a monthly basis, for the 12 month period before the application deadline for the child to start school (normally January). A completed Supplementary Information Form will be required from the appropriate minister of religion.

Applications for children to be considered under Category 3 and 4 must be accompanied with a 'Supplementary Information Form'. This should be obtained from and returned to school directly.

"In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church 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 alternative premises have been available for public worship".

Where the school reaches its planned admission limit from pupils within one of the categories listed above, those pupils to be admitted from within that category will be those whose permanent place of residence is closest to the school. This will be measured as nearest walking distance. (in line with Sefton's current practice)

Timetable for admission

The timetable will follow that set out by Sefton Local Authority.

Appeals

If more applications are received than can be accepted, the Admissions Panel will draw up a reserve list in order that steps to fill unexpected vacancies can be taken more quickly. Parents of children to whom places are not offered have the right to appeal against the decision. In this eventuality parents must give notice of appeal in writing to the Clerk to the Governors.

Appeals are heard by an Appeals Committee. The procedure of the Appeals Committee will be in accordance with the provision of the Schools Standards and Frameworks Act 1998 as amended by the Education Act 2002. Parents may attend the hearing of their appeal and may be accompanied by a friend. They will be notified of the arrangements for the hearing and will be informed of their rights by the Clerk to the Schools Appeals Panel.

Application Procedure

Parents/guardians/carers are asked to complete an Admission to Primary Form and return it School or Sefton. Alternatively, you can apply online www.sefton.gov.uk/admissions. It should be noted that registration of an application for admission should not be interpreted as a guarantee of admission.

If a child is attending the nursery, parents need to note that they do not have an automatic right to transfer to the primary school to which the nursery is attached. Application for admission to the school has to be made in accordance with the procedure set out above.

Academic Year 2027-2028