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Crosscrake VA Church of England Primary School (pupils age 3-11)

Nursery Admissions Policy

We actively encourage prospective parents and their children to visit the school and see our facilities, to meet staff, to observe pupils in their learning environment and to experience the ethos of the school. Please contact the Headteacher to arrange a visit to the school.

Children are entitled to 15 hours a week free nursery education during term time; we strongly advise that children attend at least 2-3 sessions each week to enable them to settle quickly in our Nursery. Please note that a place at the Nursery does not automatically guarantee a place in Reception.

Admission Number

The admission number for this year is 13. The Governors are able to accept additional pupils with the proviso that the combined numbers in the Nursery and Reception do not exceed staffing ratios.

Application Process

There are three intakes to the Nursery at the beginning of each term. Children can begin Nursery in the term after their 3rd birthday. The LA publishes an information leaflet 'Applying for a nursery place' which is available from school or on the website www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Parents are advised to apply for a Nursery place by the closing date specified on the LA application form. Parents wishing to be given priority for admission on the grounds that they are on the electoral roll of a Church of England Church must attach evidence to this effect to their application form. This must prove that one or both parents have been on the electoral roll of a church for two years before the closing date of the Nursery preference forms. It may relate to more than one church.

The Admissions Policy

Please note that these are separate arrangements for admission to Crosscrake CE Nursery, and admission to Nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception. There is no appeal process for admission to Nursery.

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1. Children who are in Public Care or who have been adopted but were formerly in Public Care. This also includes children who were previously in Public Care outside of England. A child in public care is defined as a child who is looked after by the Local Authority within the meaning of section 22 of the Children's Act 1989.
2. Children who have physical and/or medical needs who would be disadvantaged by travelling to another school. Written evidence from an appropriate professional would be required for the Governors to consider admission in this category.
3. Children living within the catchment area having a brother or sister attending our school at the time of their admission giving priority, if necessary, to those children with the youngest siblings. Brothers and sisters are those living at the same address including step, adopted and foster children.
4. Children living in the catchment area
5. Children living outside the catchment area who, at the time of their admission, have brothers or sisters in the school (or associated infant or junior school.)
6. Children living outside the catchment area.

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The criteria outlined above will be strictly followed there being one exception. If a child has a statement of Special Educational Needs or EHCP naming Crosscrake Church of England Aided Primary School then irrespective of the criteria the child *will* be admitted as in these circumstances the Governors have a statutory duty to admit the child concerned.

The Catchment Area

Please see the attached map at the end of this policy showing our catchment area.

As a CE Voluntary Aided School a map of the ecclesiastical parish is available from the Diocese. The School benefits from 'safe routes' transport funded by the LA. The map for the transport catchment area for the purposes of home/school transport is available from the Local Authority Integrated Transport Team.

Address of Pupils

The address used on the school's admission form must be the current main residence at the time of application. If the address changes subsequently, the parents should notify the Local Authority and the school. If a school is oversubscribed, the address of the parent with whom the child normally lives will be used in the allocation process. Where a child's address is difficult to determine, for example where shared living arrangements are in place, the address of the parent claiming the child benefit will be used. Where there is dispute about the correct address to use, the governors reserve the right to make enquiries of any relevant third parties, or to request to see evidence eg Child Benefit documentation. For children of UK Service personnel and other Crown Servants returning to the area, proof of the posting is all that is required.

Admissions During the School Year.

It sometimes happens that a child needs to change school other than at the start of the academic year; such admissions are known as non-routine admissions. Parents wishing their child to attend this school should arrange to visit the school. If there is a place in the appropriate class, once an application form has been received, the governors will arrange for the admission to take place.

Fraudulent Applications

Where the Governing Body discovers that a child has been awarded a place as the result of an intentionally misleading application from a parent which effectively denies a place to a child with a stronger claim, then the governing body is required to withdraw the offer of the place. The application will be considered afresh.

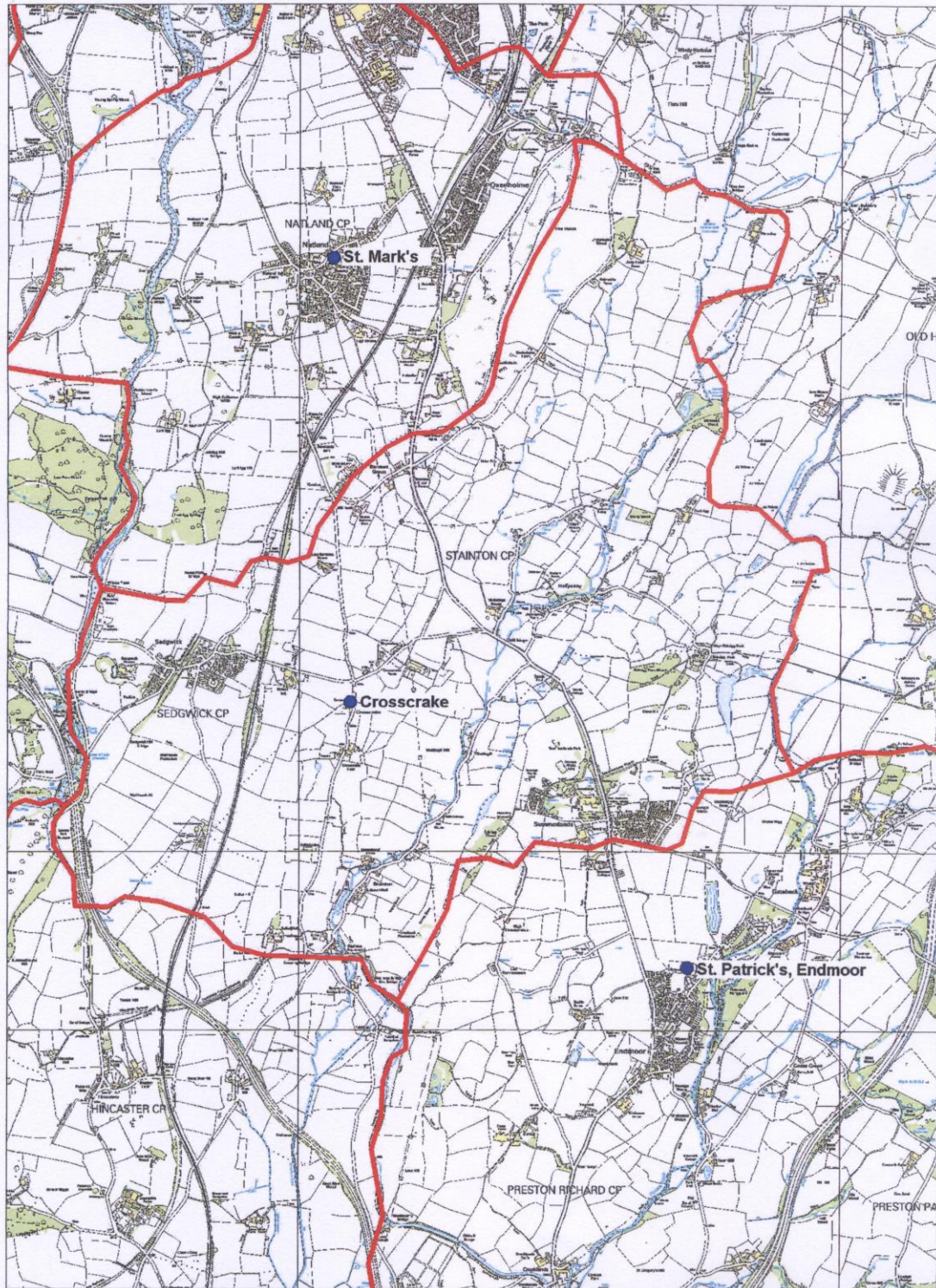
Multiple Births

Where there are multiple birth siblings wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the governing body will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of infant class sizes. If only one place can be offered then parents will be advised that the place will be offered to the oldest child.

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