

THE TELFORD PRIORY SCHOOL



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ADMISSIONS POLICY

The Telford Priory School Admissions Policy

INTRODUCTION

Our current admissions policy follows the guidance from Telford & Wrekin Council and the document 'A Parents Introduction to Secondary Schools Information Education' including admission arrangements.

Children will not be discriminated against as laid down by the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, The Race Relations Act 1976 as amended by the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000, The Human Rights Act 1998 and The Special Educational Needs and Disability Discrimination Act 2002.

Published Admission Number (PAN)

The Telford Priory School: 240

Policy for Inclusive Education

Our school supports the view that inclusive education is an approach to education which seeks to enable children to have their educational needs met within their local school wherever possible. The view of inclusive education is based on the principle of Entitlement. The Telford Priory School and Telford & Wrekin believe that all children and young people are entitled to:

- Have equality of opportunity and access to education
- Learn, participate and form friendships with their peers within the local community
- Have their skills developed and their abilities nurtured to enable them to maximise their potential and attainment and to enhance self-esteem
- Have any educational needs identified as early as possible
- Receive professional support, advice and resources to meet any identified educational needs
- Be treated with respect and have their views and opinions taken into account

How to apply

To apply for a place at our school you must live in and pay your Council Tax to Telford & Wrekin Council. However, if we have available places, we consider applications for places from children outside Telford and Wrekin. Any in-year transfers are dealt with by Telford & Wrekin's in-year transfer process.

Online

Apply online at www.telford.gov.uk/admissions.

What do I need to know about making an application?

You can apply for up to four schools. You must rank the schools in order of preference. The school you name first should be the one where you would most like your child to go. We recommend that you visit the secondary school open evenings to find out more about each school. This will help you to rank the schools in order of preference on your application form.

Accessibility Information

Our school opened in September 2015 and complies with all legislative requirements at the time, including disabled access, ramps and lifts to all floors.

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How places were offered last year

This section will help you to find out if your application would have been successful last year. This does not mean that you will definitely be offered a place this year, but it will give you a good indication. Last year everyone who applied on time was offered a place at the school regardless of where they lived.

Admissions Criteria

In the event of oversubscription, the following criteria will apply:

1. Those children who are looked after by Telford & Wrekin or any other local authority and children who were previously looked after
2. Children who live in the school's defined attendance area. If places are unavailable for all these local children, then places will be given first to:
 - a. Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the school is essential for their medical well-being; and then
 - b. Those children who will have on the day of admission, a brother(s), sister(s), step brother(s), step sister(s), half-brother(s) and half-sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the school; and then
 - c. Other children living in the school's defined attendance area
3. Any places which remain available will then be allocated to applicants from outside the school's defined attendance area in the priority order a. to c. as detailed above.

If there are not enough places for all of the children in any particular category, we will give places on the basis of the straight line distance between a central point in the school building and a central point in the child's home. The distance will be measured using the borough's computerised mapping system which is Geographical Information System. (Shortest distance = highest priority). When a school has more applicants than places, some out of area applications will be unsuccessful.

Appeals

Parents/carers will be informed by their home authority of their statutory right of appeal when they receive the outcome of their applications. Parents can appeal for any preference expressed, but not allocated, even if it was a lower preference than the one offered.

Appeal forms are available from the Local Authority.

For further information, please go to: www.telford.gov.uk/admissions