

Llanbister C.P School

Admissions Policy

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Llanbister CP School operates and complies fully in line with the Powys Admission policy. A copy of this LA policy may be found on the Powys website www.powys.gov.uk under the section SCHOOLS and then ADMISSIONS. An annual admissions booklet may be downloaded or requested from the LA or ordered via the school secretary.

Llanbister CP School is committed to the full inclusion of all pupils wishing to attend the school and affords all children the equal opportunity to do so, subject to the LA and school's admission policy.

Subject to necessary accommodation being available the Governors of Llanbister C.P. School would wish to admit all children legally required to attend school, especially those children within the school's natural catchment area. We would assume that parents of children living closer to other schools would consider those schools initially but we will give every consideration, as required by law, to requests for admission here in accordance with Powys Education Authority's policy.

Powys LA Admissions Policy 2015

In terms of school admissions, the Authority has adopted, in order of priority, the following criteria:-

- A. the presence of an elder brother or sister in the school (when the home remains in the allocation area of the school which applied in the year the elder child was first admitted)
- B. the location of the home in relation to the school and alternative schools.
- C. any special medical and social needs relating to the individual child.
- D. the presence of a brother or sister at the school when the family home is not in the original or current allocation area for the school.

Within each criterion, places will be allocated on the basis of the shortest walking distance to the school, in strict order of distance, up to the number of places available, the highest priority being given to the pupil living closest to the school.

The LA and the Governing Bodies of Voluntary (Aided) Schools (as the admission authorities) support the principle of meeting parental preferences wherever and whenever possible. However, it must be recognised that it may not be possible to comply with parental preferences if a school, in admitting a child, will be in breach of the requirement to comply with the statutory duty in respect of infant class sizes.

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As well as the above the school adopts the following, in order to comply with admission age requirements.

Unless other arrangements are made, a child is required to attend school full-time from the beginning of the term following the fifth birthday. In Powys a child may be admitted to school at the beginning of the term in which the child has his/her fourth birthday. (March 31st 2017 not end of term date 6/4/17). This follows on from the regulation with regard to free three year old education. A child is able to attend a three year old setting for ten hours weekly on a free basis from the beginning of the term following his/her third birthday. He/she may do so for the two terms leading up to entry to school in the term he/she is four. However at the parents' request a child may continue to access three year old funding for an extra term and delay starting school to the term after being four. This is at the discretion of the parent not the school.

N.B. As of September 2017 pupils will start school in the September following their 4th Birthday. There will be no provision for staged entry during the year.

It should be clearly understood that there is no legal obligation on the Authority to admit pupils otherwise than at the beginning of the school term following the fifth birthday.

If parents wish their children to be enrolled at the school they are asked to contact the Headteacher for an admission form at the earliest opportunity. This will ensure that future plans for staffing and funding are secure.

However in line with the LA admission policy NO pupil may be admitted to school until the admission request form is returned to the LA and authorised by the LA. The LA will contact both the parent and the school to notify that permission is permitted.

Each school has both a capacity number and an admission number. At Llanbister the capacity is set at 45 and the admission number is 6. This means that a maximum of 6 pupils may be admitted in any one year group. Should 6 be achieved parents should be aware that a pupil may initially be refused a place at the school. Should this decision be made the parent may consider appealing against the decision. In this case the appeal would be heard by a panel made up of three independent people, usually a headteacher from another school and two governors from another school. They are totally independent and will balance the views of parents, school and LA before coming to a decision to allow the pupil admission to the school or uphold the appeal. The full appeal process would be made available to the parent from the LA at the time of the original notification of refusal of admission.

To date the school is not at capacity and has not had any admission appeals.