

The Federated Schools of the Upper Afan Valley



Admissions Policy

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1 Introduction

1.1 The governing body of the Federated Schools of the Upper Afan Valley applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend the school. The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 introduced a new framework for school admissions as of September 2000. This policy conforms to the regulations that are set out in that Act and also further explained in the statutory School Admissions Code of Practice and the statutory Appeals Code of Practice.

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

2.1 The LEA is the 'Admissions Authority' for our school. The regulations for entry to each school, where the Admissions Authority is the LEA, are published each year by the LEA. Parents can receive a copy of these regulations directly from the LEA or the school.

2.2 The LEA publishes admissions guidance each year, which gives information about how parents can apply for a place in the school of their choice. Parents have a right to express a preference for the school of their choice and they should do so on the application form. Expressing a preference does not, in itself, guarantee a place at this school. Application forms can be obtained from the school or the Education Department of the LEA and should be completed by the date stipulated on the forms. The school notifies parents about the school place as soon as all the applications have been considered.

2.3 Children enter the nursery of our Primary Schools, during the term they become 3, providing there is sufficient capacity. They enter full time education in the academic year they become 5. There is one admission date into full time education (i.e. at the start of the academic year). Children enter junior school in the academic year they become seven. There is one admissions date per year, early in September (i.e. at the start of the school year). Therefore, parents who would like their child to be admitted to this school during the year their child is seven should ensure that they complete the necessary application form by the date stipulated in the guidance

3 Admission appeals

3.1 If parents wish to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying to the LEA. An independent appeals panel then meets to consider all appeals by parents who have been refused a place at our school and who wish to appeal against this decision. An appeals panel's decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decides that we should admit a child to our school, then we will accept this and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all the children at our school. (Details of appeal arrangements are set out in the Code of Practice on School Admissions Appeals, which came into force in September 1999.)

4 School Capacity of each school (as held by LEA)

Glyncorrwg Primary School	-	145
Pen Afan Primary School	-	187
Cymer Afan Primary School	-	120
Croeserw Primary School	-	178
Cymer Afan Comprehensive School	-	641

4.1 Primary Breakdown of admission numbers (as determined by the LEA following annual school return of 'Blue Form')

	Nursery Capacity	Indicated Admission Number (for Reception)
Glyncorrwg Primary	15	20
Pen Afan Primary	25	26
Cymer Primary	8	17
Croeserw Primary	44	25

5 Review

5.1 This policy will be reviewed annually with the Admissions Authority in the light of any changed circumstances in our school or the local area.