



## ADMISSIONS POLICY

**Adopted by the Governing Body**

*on September 19th 2018*

Signed David B. Hake Chair of Governors

Date October 16th 2018

Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi admits children from St.Davids, Solva and the surrounding St.Davids Peninsula and the diocese of St.Davids.

The admission numbers for the primary phase are currently 20 and for the secondary phase 60. There are often more admissions than there have been available places. In these circumstances places are awarded by the governors to the applicants who meet the under mentioned categories, in the following order of priority:

- 1). Children who, and whose families, can demonstrate they are committed practising Anglicans (demonstrated by reference from Church), and are pupils at an Anglican Primary School;
- 2). Anglican children, as in criteria 1, who are pupils at a feeder primary school;
- 3). Other pupils at an Anglican Primary School;
- 4). Children who, and whose families, can demonstrate they are practising members of another Christian Church.
- 5). Other pupils from non-Anglican church schools.
- 6). Children having a sibling, either brother or sister or half-brother/sister, adopted or fostered already at the school;
- 7). Other pupils at a feeder/cluster primary school or who are home educated.

The governors apply the proximity of an application in category 7. Within each category priority will be given to the applicant who lives nearest the school. Proximity is measured by local authority catchment.

The school recognises the priority of providing an appropriate school place for a looked after child and/or previously looked after child and is committed to work with the local authority and other agencies to ensure that the needs of the looked after children are met. Looked after children are first in the over subscription criteria. Previously looked after children are treated in the same way.

In those cases, where church commitment is claimed, the Parish clergy concerned are written to in order to support applications before they are determined. Vacancies are filled in line with the subscription criteria. A waiting list is kept for pupils who are not able to access a place at the school. An open evening will be held at the school especially for the benefits of pupils and parents/carers who are considering sending their child(ren) to the school. The admissions committee will convene to process applications three times during the year: The Michaelmas, Lent and Summer terms.

The parents of any child whose application for admission to the school is refused may appeal against the decision. Any such appeal must be made in writing addressed to the clerk of the governors at the school within 14 days of the notification of the decision. The appeal will then be referred to an independent appeal panel, where parent(s) and/or carers will have the opportunity to appeal against the decision. The clerk to the governors will provide notice not less than 14 days (10 working days) to the appellants regarding the arrangements for the hearing of the appeal.

All applications to the school are considered in line with the school admissions policy criteria, whatever the time of year or year group. The governors consider all preferences for admissions expressed by parents/carers. If the admissions number is not exceeded, then the applicant will be

admitted. In addition, the school adheres to the common dates in line with the local authority admissions timetable.

Signed by chair of governors on behalf of the governing body:

Signed by Headteacher:

Date: