Appendix 3

**ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED**

**NURSERY SCHOOLS, NURSERY CLASSES, PRE-RECEPTION CLASSES AND SCHOOL RUN PRE SCHOOLS UNDER SCHOOL GOVERNANCE**

**FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024**

All governing bodies are required to admit to the school a child with an Educational Health & Care Plan (EHCP) that names the school. This is not an oversubscription criterion. This relates only to children who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final Education Health & Care Plan has been issued.

Where the number of applications exceeds the number of places, the Governing Body will use the following oversubscription criteria to prioritise applications.

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| **ORDER OF PRIORITY:** | *Notes* |
| **First Priority**  Looked after children and all previously looked after children for whom the school has been expressed as a preference. Children who appear to the Admissions Authority to have been in state care outside of England and cease to be in state care as a result of being adopted  Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted1 or became subject to a child arrangement order2 or special guardianship order. | *This applies to all looked-after children, including those who are in the care of another local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services function at the time of making an application.*  *In the case of previously looked after children, a copy of the relevant documentation will be required in support of the application.*  *1This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 and Children who were adopted under the Adopted & Childrens Act 2002.*  *2Child Arrangement Orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a Child Arrangement Order.*  *A child is regarded as being in state care outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any another provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society* |
| **Second Priority**  Children who are recommended by the Director of Children and Young Peoples Service, including children in the care of a local authority, or by the appropriate designated medical officer. | *Note: we will only consider applications in this category if they are supported by a recommendation from a doctor, social worker or other appropriate professional which* *sets out the particular reason(s) why the school in question is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.* |
| **Third Priority**  Children from homes with poor housing conditions or overcrowding, or from a background which could affect the child’s normal educational development. | *Note: this should be supported by the recommendation of a doctor, social worker or other appropriate professional.* |
| **Fourth Priority**  Children within the normal area of the school, giving priority to the oldest children first. |  |
| **Fifth Priority**  Children from outside the school’s normal area, giving priority to those whose home is nearest to school first. |  |