



## **Admission Policy Cooper & Jordan Church of England (VA) Primary School**

Children will be offered places in the school in the following priority order:-

1. Children in public care (looked after children) and previously looked after children. Meaning, children who are in care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by a local authority or previously looked after children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.
2. Children of parents /carers who worship regularly within the \*Parish Boundary of Aldridge, at one of the Aldridge Trinitarian Churches; APC, St Thomas', Tynings Lane, Aldridge Methodist Church or St Mary's RC, or who live within the \*Parish Boundary of Aldridge and worship regularly elsewhere at a Trinitarian Church, (Anglican, Methodist, Catholic or Evangelical Churches recognised by the British Council of Churches and the Evangelical Alliance) subject to endorsement by the minister. Regularly is defined as, at least twice per month for at least two years, as per Lichfield Diocesan Guidelines.
3. Children who have an older sibling already in attendance at Cooper and Jordan School when the application is made and who will still be attending the school at the proposed admission date.
4. Children of parents / carers who live within the \*Parish Boundary of Aldridge.
5. Children of parents / carers who live outside the\* Parish Boundary of Aldridge and worship regularly at a Trinitarian Church (Anglican, Methodist, Catholic or Evangelical) recognised by the British Council of Churches and the Evangelical Alliance, subject to endorsement by the minister. Regularly is defined as, at least twice per month for at least two years, as per Lichfield Diocesan Guidelines.
6. Children of parents / carers who live outside the \*Parish Boundary of Aldridge.

Applications are warmly welcomed from non-church members.

In the event of there being more applicants than places in any category, children will be admitted on the basis of those residing closest to the school measured as the crow flies using the Local Authority standard distance measure.

The standard number for Nursery is 26 for the morning and 26 for the afternoon = 52. Reception and Key Stage 1 two classes of 30 = 60 per year group and Key Stage two classes of 32 = 64 per year group.

Applicants will be informed in March of the governor's decision to offer their child a place or not.

If a child is transferring from another school, the Governors wish to emphasise that it is unlikely that a place will be available in school for any siblings of this child at the time of his / her entry. Parents / Carers are advised to check the current situation with the school.

NOTE: A separate application must be made for each child.

There is a right of appeal against a refusal to offer a place. The appeal is heard by the Appeal Committee, no member of which has any connection with the school. By law there is no right of appeal for refusal of a Nursery place.

An appeal, specifying the grounds on which it is based must be made in writing to the Clerk to the Governing Body. There is a time limit within which the appeal must be lodged. This will be stated in the letter of refusal.

Approved by Governors March 2017

**\*Parish Boundary Map is available from the School Office**