



# Merridale Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Message from Wolverhampton Local Authority School Organisation Team

Dear Consultee,

In accordance with the School Admission Regulations and the School Admissions Code, the City of Wolverhampton Council is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for 2024-25 for all community and voluntary controlled schools in the local authority's area.

This consultation relates to the overall admissions arrangements with one proposed change to add an oversubscription criterion for children whose parent/carer is a member of staff employed at the school.

### ***Children whose parent/carer is a member of staff employed at the school***

*This applies where the parent/carer has been employed by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application of admission to the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post at the school for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage. This criterion applies to all permanent staff members, and excludes staff employed on a casual/temporary contract.*

The rationale for including children of staff at the school as a criterion is that it can assist with staff recruitment for vacant posts for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage and aid retention of staff. Available data suggests that the number of children that would be allocated under this criterion is low and should not displace children from being able to attend a local school.

Please see attached the proposed arrangements which also can be found [here](#) relating to community and voluntary controlled schools and including the coordinated admissions scheme.

The consultation runs from 31 October 2022 until 16 December 2022 at which point the consultation will end. Comments on the admission arrangements can be submitted [here](#) or sent to Kelly Wheatley by email at [school.organisation@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:school.organisation@wolverhampton.gov.uk) or by post to Kelly Wheatley, School Admissions and Appeals Manager, City of Wolverhampton Council, Civic Centre, St. Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1RR.

Please note comments by email or post should arrive no later than 16 December 2022.

A full list of the schools that the consultation relates to are shown below, together with their Published Admission Number.

<b>INFANT SCHOOLS</b>	<b>Type of school</b>	<b>Published Admission Numbers</b>
Christ Church (Church of England) Infant School	Voluntary Controlled	60
Westacre Infant School	Community Infant	90

<b>JUNIOR SCHOOLS</b>	<b>Type of school</b>	<b>Published Admission Numbers</b>
Christ Church (Church of England) Junior School	Voluntary Controlled	64
Uplands Junior School	Community Junior	96

<b>PRIMARY SCHOOLS</b>	<b>Type of school</b>	<b>Published Admission Numbers</b>
Bantock Primary School	Community Primary	60
Bilston Church of England Primary School	Voluntary Controlled	60
Bushbury Hill Primary School	Community Primary	30
Castlecroft Primary School	Community Primary	30
Claregate Primary School	Community Primary	60
Dovecotes Primary School	Community Primary	45
Eastfield Primary School	Community Primary	60
Fallings Park Primary School	Community Primary	90
Graiseley Primary School	Community Primary	30
Lanesfield Primary School	Community Primary	45
Long Knowle Primary School	Community Primary	30
Loxdale Primary School	Community Primary	60
Merridale Primary School	Community Primary	30
Oak Meadow Primary School	Community Primary	60
Rakegate Primary School	Community Primary	60
Springdale Primary School	Community Primary	60
Spring Vale Primary School	Community Primary	60
St Andrew's Church of England Primary School	Voluntary Controlled	60
Stow Heath Primary School	Community Primary	60
Stowlawn Primary School	Community Primary	60
Warstones Primary School	Community Primary	60
West Park Primary School	Community Primary	30
Whitgreave Primary School	Community Primary	60
Wilkinson Primary School	Community Primary	60
Wodensfield Primary School	Community Primary	60
Wood End Primary School	Community Primary	30

<b>SECONDARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>Type of school</b>	<b>Published Admission Numbers</b>
Colton Hills Community School	Community	161

	Secondary	
St Matthias School	Community Secondary	161

Yours sincerely

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Mrs L Towle  
Headteacher