



YSGOL GLANYFFERI SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

Introduction

Our governing body applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend this school. The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 introduced a new framework for school admissions as of September 2000. This was later revised in the Education Act of 2002. Our Admissions policy conforms to the regulations that are set out in that Act and are further explained in the statutory School Admissions Code of Practice and the statutory Appeals Code of Practice. These were revised in January 2003 and come into force in September 2004.

Aims

At Glanyfferi School we seek to be an inclusive school, welcoming children from all backgrounds and abilities. For this reason all applications are treated on merit, and in a sensitive manner. Furthermore a child's level of ability is irrelevant to this school's admissions policy, as are any special needs the child may have.

The only restriction we place on entry is that of number. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places we have available. It is our wish for all parents to find a place for their child at the school of their choice.

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

Glanyfferi School is a Voluntary Controlled School, and it determines the admission arrangements in agreement with the LEA. The Admissions Authority for our school is therefore the LEA, which publishes its entry regulations every year. Parents can receive a copy of these regulations directly from the LEA or from the school.

The LEA's annual admissions prospectus informs parents on how to apply for a place at the school of their choice. Parents have a right to express their preference, but this does not, in itself, guarantee a place at that particular school. Application should be made online via the Carmarthenshire County Council website. The Authority will notify parents of the decision as soon as all the applications have been considered.

Children can enter into Glanyfferi School at the start of the academic year in which they become four. There are three admission dates per year, September, January and April (i.e. when the term begins). Therefore, parents who would like their child to be admitted to this school during the year their child is four should contact the school at least a term beforehand.

Admission appeals

If we do not offer a child a place in Glanyfferi School, this will be because to do so would prejudice the education of other children by allowing the number of children in the school to increase too much.

If parents wish to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying to the LEA. An independent panel considers all such appeals, and its decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decides that we should admit a child to whom we had refused a place, then we will accept this decision and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all the children at our school.

(Further details of appeal arrangements are set out in the revised Code of Practice on School Admissions Appeals, which came into force in September 2004.)

The Published Admission Number (PAN)

The 'published admission number' is the number of children the LEA considers the school can accommodate. The standard number for Glanyfferi school is 12 per academic year. We keep this number under review, and the governors will apply to change the number if circumstances change.

Signed:

Glanyfferi Governing Body

Date:

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Headteacher

Date: