

# MANOR

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY, YORK

### Manor Church of England Academy

### Arrangements and policy for admission of students

### September 2014

The admissions policy is in line with the Department for Education guidance of School Admissions.

#### 1. **Rationale**

Manor CE Academy policy is to invite applications for admission from children of families who are practising Christians, or from parents/carers who wish their children to receive an education in accordance with the principles of the Christian faith.

#### 2. **Aim**

Our school aims to serve our community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of the Christian faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its students.

3. Applications for children with a Statement of Special Needs or Looked After Children<sup>1</sup> will be dealt with separately by the governors, working in conjunction with the Local Authority (they will be given priority over all other categories).

#### 4. **Over-subscription Criteria**

The number of places available for admission to Year 7 is 180. This will include Special Needs and Looked After Children. In the event of the number of applicants exceeding the number of places available, the following criteria will be taken into consideration by the governors. In accordance with the school's aims to nurture the Christian faith, to welcome children of other faiths and to serve the local community, up to 99 of these places will be Foundation applications as laid out in Section 1 and will be allocated on faith grounds. The remainder will be allocated according to the criteria in Section 2.

Unsuccessful applicants for Foundation places will automatically be considered for the remaining community places. Unfilled Foundation places will be available to community applicants in Section 2.

**If there are more applications than places available under any category, places will be allocated to those who live the furthest from their designated LA school, measured by the shortest, safe, walking distance. This information is provided by the Local Authority.**

#### **SECTION 1 (FOUNDATION PLACES)**

##### **Category 1 (Children from Christian denominations<sup>2</sup>)**

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<sup>1</sup> This criteria now applies to all students who are in the care of a local authority; students who have previously been in the care of a local authority, who immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order; or students who are provided with accommodation by a local authority (see section 22 of the Children Act 1989).

<sup>2</sup> Christian denomination is defined as a church belonging to or eligible to belong to Churches Together.

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The minimum time for regular attendance by the parents or children at worship will be two years prior to the application (October 2013). Parents and carers who have not met the minimum time requirement **will not** be considered for a Foundation place.

Places offered will be allocated to applicants in the following sub-categories:

1. An Applicant who is a **very regular worshipper**, by which is meant one who worships or is regularly involved in a weekday church activity including a significant element of worship at least once a week.
2. The worshipper could be the child for whom the application is made or one or both parents (not grandparents or other relatives unless they are the primary carer).
3. An Applicant who is a **regular worshipper**, by which is meant one who worships or is regularly involved in a weekday church activity including a significant element of worship at least twice a month. The worshipper could be the child for whom the application is made or one or both parents.

**Please be aware that involvement in a uniformed organisation that is attached to a church would not meet the criteria unless there was a regular Christian act of worship.**

All applicants for Foundation places will be required to submit a separate application form together with a reference from a minister of religion.

If more than 95 eligible applications are received, the available places will be allocated in the following order:

1. applicants who live in the **Priority Zone**<sup>3</sup> (see below) and who are very regular worshippers
2. applicants who live in **other areas in the City of York** and who are very regular worshippers
3. applicants who live in other areas **outside the City of York** and who are very regular worshippers
4. applicants who live in the **Priority Zone**<sup>2</sup> (see below) and who are regular worshippers
5. applicants who live in **other areas of the City of York** and who are regular worshippers
6. applicants who live in other areas **outside the City of York** and who are regular worshippers

If fewer than 95 eligible applications are received, the unfilled Foundation places will be allocated under Section 2 (Community places).

### **Category 2 (Children of other major world faiths)**

Up to 4 Foundation places will be given to children of active worshipping families of other major world faiths (Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism) whose applications are supported by an appropriate reference. If fewer than 4 eligible applications are received, the

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<sup>3</sup> The Priority Zone is the area covered by the catchment areas of Rufforth Primary school, Poppleton Ousebank Primary school and Carr Junior school.

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unfilled Foundation places will be allocated under Category 1 (Foundation places; Children from Christian denominations).

### **SECTION 2 (COMMUNITY PLACES)**

Manor CE Academy is committed to serving our local community and to working in partnership with the Local Authority and its neighbouring schools.

#### **Category 3**

When awarding a place, places will be allocated in the following order;

1. siblings who live in the **Priority Zone**<sup>2</sup> (see below)
2. other applicants who live in the **Priority Zone**<sup>2</sup>
3. siblings who live in **other areas in the City of York**
4. other applicants who live in **other areas in the City of York**
5. siblings who live **outside the City of York**
6. other applicants who live **outside the City of York**

The sibling<sup>4</sup> must be attending Manor School at the date the new child would start at the school (September 2014).

#### **5. False Information and Proof of Residence**

Where the Governing Body has made an offer of a place at the school on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from a parent and carer, the offer of a place may be withdrawn. To help the governors fairly allocate places they may request proof of residence at the time of application. (eg. utility bill or telephone statement).

#### **6. Waiting List**

The Governors will operate a waiting list for those parents/carers who are not successful in being allocated a place. Applicants who are unsuccessful in obtaining a place have the right to appeal.

The waiting list will be ranked according to the over-subscription criteria used for admission to the school. Parents and carers who are not successful will need to inform the school in writing of their wish for their child to join the list. The waiting list will close at the end of December in the year of entry.

#### **7. Late Applications**

Parent/Carers who move into the area and apply for a place at the school before **31 December 2013**, will be included in the allocation. Those parents moving into the area and applying after 31 December 2013 will be added to the waiting list after the offer day.

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<sup>4</sup>A sibling is defined as a brother/half/stepbrother or a sister/half/stepsister who is permanently resident at the same address. A home is defined as the parents'/carers' and child's primary place of residence.

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All parents/carers already living in the area but applying for a Foundation place after **31 October 2013** will be added to the waiting list after the offer day.

### **8. Applying for a place**

All applicants must complete the City of York Local Authority common application form which should be returned to the Local Authority by **31 October 2013**. This application will be deemed as making an application for a community place.

If applying for a Foundation Place, parents must also complete a Foundation Place Application Form and include a reference from their priest, minister or faith group leader. This form and references must reach the school's admissions Clerk by **31 October 2013**.

Application forms are available from Manor CE Academy ([www.manorceacademy.org](http://www.manorceacademy.org)) and the City of York School Services, PO BOX 404, York, YO1 6ZG, tel: 01904 551554.

This policy is reviewed annually by the Governing Body in consultation with the Diocesan Board of Education.

**Please complete the application forms as accurately and fully as possible.**