

## Admission of Pupils

### Nursery aged children

Universal free 15 hours provision is available from the term following a child's third birthday up until they reach compulsory school age, for every child, irrespective of background or family circumstances.

Regulations prescribe that children become eligible for free early years provision on the dates set out below:

<b>A child is born in the period</b>	<b>Will become eligible for a free place</b>
1st April to 31st August	1st September following child's 3rd birthday (Autumn school term)
1st September to 31st December	1st January following child's 3rd birthday (Spring school term)
1st January to 31st March	1st April following child's 3rd birthday (Summer school term)

### Primary aged children

We warmly welcome new children and their families to the school community. Children may enter at two different points in the year:

- Children with 5th birthdays between September 1st and March 31st may be admitted full time in September
- Children with 5th birthdays between April 1st and August 31st may be admitted either:

- (i) in September for morning sessions only, beginning full time in January
- (ii) in January full time
- (iii) in September full time, if parents and staff feel that this is appropriate for their child and their child's stage of development;

However, as a school, we encourage all children to enter full time in September unless requested by parents. Children may continue part-time until they reach compulsory school age if the school and parents feel that this is more appropriate. Pupils should be admitted to school by the beginning of the term after their fifth birthday. This is a legal requirement.

The Maximum Admissions Limit (MAL) varies each academic year and is set by North Yorkshire County Council. Admissions outside the policy would only be possible if:

a) the medical or social circumstances of a particular child are such that he/she would in view of the LA and the Governing Body, benefit from an early admission.

b) He or She had previously been in full-time attendance at a maintained primary school in another Education Authority.

New pupils in other age groups are very welcome where the school has sufficient places available to meet the particular parental request.

### Transfer to Secondary School

Children whose eleventh birthday is on or before the 31st August transfer to Secondary School, normally Bedale High School. There is excellent liaison between the primary schools and Bedale High School. Children are invited, normally in July, to spend at least one day in their new school. Parents receive the school's brochure and Bedale High School provides an information evening for parents prior to the children starting. Brochures are also available on request from St. Francis Xavier School and Richmond School.