# ADMISSIONS POLICY

# FOR SCHOOL ENTRY 2027/28

Parents or guardians considering applying for a place at Ainsdale St John's CE Primary School are warmly invited to visit the school by appointment to meet the headteacher, staff and children.

Our school continues to be popular. Our standard admission number which is set by the government as a legal limit, is 30 in our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes.

As a part of Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust Multi-Academy Trust, decisions about admissions remain the responsibility of the governing body.

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school, and where the number of applications received exceeds 30, the governors will apply the following **oversubscription criteria** in order, to allocate places.

**Criteria 1:** Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order).

**Criteria 2:** Children who have a brother or a sister currently attending the school and who will still be there at the start of the academic year in which the child takes up his/her place.

**Criteria 3:** Those children whose parents worship regularly in St John's Church, Ainsdale.

**Criteria 4:** Those children whose parents worship regularly at another Christian church.

**Criteria 5:** Other children

## DEFINITIONS

**Parents:** A parent is defined as the person with parental responsibility.
**Siblings:** Sibling includes stepbrothers and sisters living at the same address.
**Other Christian churches:** Christian church means any church which is designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York or locally by the diocesan bishop, or is a member of churches Together in England, or the Evangelical Alliance, or a partner church of Affinity.
**Worship:** Regular attendance is defined as one parent attending church services, Messy Church or The Event worship twice a month for six months in the year prior to the deadline specified on the Supplementary Information Form. Attendance must be in person; online worship and private prayers in the church building do not meet the requirement. A completed Supplementary Information Form will be required.

*In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.*

## SELECTION PROCEDURE

The Governors will accept all the applications in Criteria 1, then those in Criteria 2 and so on until all the thirty places available for admission are filled.

## TIE BREAKER CLAUSE

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria above, then priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest walking distance from the child's home to the nearest school gate.

The Local Authority will measure from the property's address point to the nearest school gate (using recognised routes known to the Authority at the time of measurement).

NB. Evidence of the parents' address may be required.