

## Cracoe & Rylstone VC CE Primary School Admissions Policy

### AIMS:

To ensure a smooth transition between home/pre-school/other school setting and school for every child admitted to Cracoe & Rylstone.

### AGREED ADMISSION NUMBER:

In consultation with North Yorkshire Local Authority (LA), a limit is set on the number of pupils we agree to admit into each school year. This is currently 7 pupils. However, if space across school allows, this number may be exceeded. This decision is taken by the Head and Governors in consultation with the LA, as required.

### ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE:

All parents wishing to send their child to our school must complete the common admissions form available from the LA during the year prior to that in which their child reaches the age of 5. The School Admissions Office contact details are: tel. 01609 533679 or [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions)

It is also helpful if parents choosing our school contact us directly as soon as possible once they have made their choice, for our future planning and administration purposes.

Our school catchment includes the villages of Cracoe, Rylstone and Hetton and their outlying farms. A significant proportion of our families also choose to send their children to us from areas beyond the catchment. Children in the school's catchment area who express a preference for our school, will be allocated the available places before children who express a preference from out of the area normally served by us.

Children commence school at the beginning of the Autumn term in the year in which they attain 5 years of age. During the Summer term prior to admission, up to one afternoon per week will be available to the child as an introduction to school. These will also include some experience of school lunch. Wherever possible, younger children are also encouraged to attend school functions with their parents, as another early introduction to school life.

As a gradual introduction process, the new entrants into the Early Years Foundation Stage/Reception year attend school for half days only for the first two weeks of their first term. During this period of time they will return home after lunch.

Following the first two weeks, we expect all pupils to be ready to begin full time school in Class 1. However, these arrangements can be more flexible if required to meet individual needs, through agreement between the EYFS Class Teacher and parents.