

St Michael's CE Middle
Admission Information
September 2021



'Each person made in God's image
merits the best that we can give.'

Aspiration

Belief

Creativity

ST MICHAEL'S ADMISSION CRITERIA:

Children are admitted to St Michael's Middle School in the following priority order*:

1. LOCAL AUTHORITY CARE
2. VULNERABLE CHILDREN INCLUDING THOSE WITH A STATEMENT/
EDUCATION HEALTH CARE PLAN
3. LIVING WITHIN THE SCHOOL'S DESIGNATED AREA
 - 3.1 SIBLINGS
 - 3.2 PRACTISING CHRISTIANS (letter required from Vicar/Pastor)
4. OTHER CHILDREN
5. LIVING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL'S DESIGNATED AREA
 - 5.1 SIBLINGS
 - 5.2 PRACTISING CHRISTIANS (letter required from Vicar/Pastor)
6. All OTHER CHILDREN

If there are still too few places available to satisfy preferences expressed within any of the priority order categories, places will be allocated on the basis of the child's closeness to the school defined by straight line measurement using a Geographical Information based system. More details can be found on our school website.*

Parents are asked to accept the place offered by the deadline indicated on the offer letter. Parents will be asked to reply to the Local Authority.

*This is a summary please go to our website for full details:

www.stmichaelsmiddle.org

Tips

- ◆ Do think of putting us as your first choice- you stand a great chance of getting a place: we only have approximately 88 catchment pupils and a 150 places so we have 62 places for children out of catchment.
- ◆ Do put down three schools in your application, even if you are sure of your first preference! Last year some families in Dorset didn't get their first choice and ended up with no school offer!
- ◆ Do apply by the deadline because after that you will have to go in the second round when popular schools are already full. For a place in Year 5 2021 the deadline is **15th January 2021**.
- ◆ If you are unsuccessful in the first round there is an appeal process. Give us a call if you want to talk this through: 01202 883433

FAQs

I am looking for a place in Year 6,7 or 8– does that change anything?

Not really because the Admission criteria is the same. The main difference is that you will need to complete an in-year admission form through the Dorset For You website.

NB: We will likely have spaces in September 2021 in Years 6,7 & 8 but we are getting close to our admission number so if you want to move earlier to be sure of a place please contact the school office.

My child is: adopted, looked after or has an Education Health Care Plan?

If the answer to any of these questions is 'Yes' then you have the right to choose the school you want for your child regardless of admission criteria. Call Mrs Wellman in the school office (01202883433) and she will put you in touch with the right person.

What about Grammar/QE?

We have a great relationship with QE School and are proud of the excellent education our pupils get there. We can confirm that our ex-pupils who stayed with us for four years do exceptionally well– including achieving the highest of all possible grades and going on to Russell Group Universities. We recognise, however, that some parents want to choose Grammar schools for their children and so you may already have in mind that your child will only do 2 years with us – that is fine. We hope you learn to trust us over those two years and recognise that the comprehensive system in Wimborne gives you a genuine choice with out fear of missing out on the highest grades.

What about Academies?

St Michael's is a founding member of the Wimborne Academy Trust and part of the Wimborne Teaching School Alliance.

Being part of this network provides support and challenge and ensures we are constantly looking to be the best we can be for your children.

Our church is closed at the moment?

Regular church attendance is part of our admission criteria but that may not be possible at the moment. We will still honour letters from Clergy that acknowledge an ongoing commitment to Church life even if attendance has not been possible.