



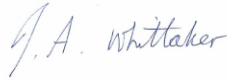
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# Admissions Policy

***\*Set to follow Bury Admissions***

## Spring 2026

(For admissions 2027/28)

Policy Review Details	
This policy will be reviewed in line with our policy review schedule.	
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Governor Signature	Headteacher Signature
Date of next review: Spring 2027	

## Version Control

### Change Record

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10.01.26	Julie Whittaker	5	Dates changed to reflect admission period 2027-28 Updated Values Statement to reflect priority of values Added reference to how places / admissions to school nursery and LA funded SEND unit are managed Added conclusion

## Summerseat Methodist Vision & Values

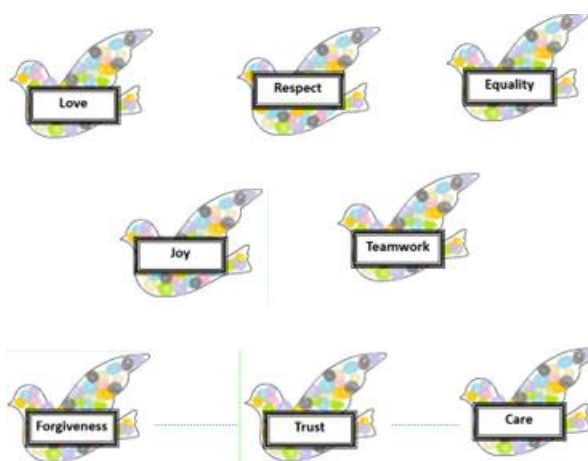
At Summerseat Methodist Primary, our vision, ethos and values are at the core of everything we do. They underpin our teaching and learning, and provide an environment which prepares our children to become lifelong learners; creating a safe and inclusive learning environment that nurtures individuality and enhances potential.



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and have it to the full."

John 10:10

As a church school, we have identified and uphold the following core Christian values that help us achieve our ethos and vision: joy, teamwork, love, respect, care, trust, forgiveness and equality.



## Safeguarding Statement

At the Epworth Education Trust we recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children. We work to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice. The procedures contained in the Safeguarding Policy apply to all staff, volunteers and governors

## **ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR COMMUNITY, ACADEMY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

This policy will be used during 2027 / 2028 for allocating places in the main admission round for entry to Year R in September 2027. It will also apply to in-year admissions.

Bury Local Authority is the admission authority for Summerseat Methodist Primary. The admission arrangements are determined by the County Council, after statutory consultations.

### **Published Admission Number (PAN)**

Each school has a published admission number (PAN) for entry to Year R. The school will admit this number of children if there are sufficient applications. Where there are fewer applications than the published admission number, places will be offered to all applicants.

The PAN for Summerseat Methodist Primary School for 2027-2028 is 15.

### **Admissions Process**

The County Council will consider first all those applications received by the published deadline in January 2027. Notifications to parents offering a primary or infant school place will be sent by the Council in April 2027. (Please see Bury admissions website for exact dates - [Primary school admissions - Bury Council](#) )

Applications made after the deadline will be considered after all on-time applications have been fully processed unless exceptional circumstances merit consideration alongside on-time applications.

For the normal admission round, all on time preferences will be considered simultaneously and ranked in accordance with the admission criteria. If more than one school can offer a place, the parent's highest stated available preference will be allocated.

### **Pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan**

Any child with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming Summerseat Methodist Primary School will be admitted. Where possible such children will be admitted within the PAN.

### **Oversubscription Criteria**

When schools are oversubscribed, priority for allocation of places will be as follows:

1. Children in public care (Looked after Children) and previously looked after children.
  - A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions, in England.
  - A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after (in England), but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or become subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order, as well as a child who appears to have been in state care outside of England care (i.e. In the care of/or accommodated by a

public authority, religious organisation or any other provider whose sole/main purpose is to benefit society), but ceased to be so as a result of being adopted.

2. Children who will have an older brother or sister in the school in September 2027. For this purpose, a brother or sister may be a full or step-brother or a full or step-sister, living at the same address, at the time of admission.

### 3. Other children

If applications are received after the closing date, they will be dealt with as late applications, and will not be considered until after those applications which were received on time.

If there is over-subscription in any category, places will be offered using a straight line distance measurement from home to school.

The distance will be measured using the Local Authority's computerised mapping system, which measures from the address point of the home property to the address point of the school as defined by Bury Council's LLPG (Local Land and Property Gazetteer).

Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the school, (for example two children living in the same block of flats) the Local Authority will then use random allocation to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

Where a child has parents with shared responsibility and lives with each parent for part of the week, the home address will be decided by using the name & address of the parent/carer to whom the Child Benefit payment is paid or where the child is registered with a GP and in agreement with both parents.

If there is a situation where only one place is available and the next children to be offered are twins or triplets, both twins or the three triplets will be offered places as a permitted exception to class size regulations.

1st, 2nd and 3rd preferences for all primary schools in Bury will be considered equally.

If you wish to give reasons for your preferences you may do so. However, parents should note that the criteria given above are the criteria which will be used to offer places.

Parents of children who are admitted to the school before they are of compulsory school age can defer their child's entry until later in the school year. Where entry is deferred, the school will hold a place for that child and not offer it to another child. A parent cannot defer entry beyond the beginning of the term after the child's fifth birthday, nor beyond the academic year for which the original application was accepted. Parents can also request that their child attends on a part time basis until the child reaches compulsory school age.

Where parents wish to defer admission under the 'summer born regulations', parents must put their request in writing to the school admissions team, together with any supporting evidence that the parent wishes to be taken into account. Decisions on requests for admission outside the normal age group will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case and

in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; any information provided about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. This request should be sent to the admissions team at the time of normal application.

Parents are only entitled to one appeal for an individual school each year. A re-appeal would only be considered if new evidence became available which could not have been made available at the original appeal hearing

### **Summerseat Nursery Admissions**

Summerseat Methodist Primary School Nursery provides early education for children from rising three years old to statutory school age. Admission to the Nursery is managed directly by the school and is separate from the admissions process for Reception places.

Nursery places are allocated following enquiries from parents and carers, subject to availability. The school has a flexible approach to hours where possible and works closely with families to agree suitable sessions that meet the needs of individual children.

Where families are able to access full-time Nursery provision, this can offer a number of advantages, including supporting strong foundations for learning, helping children to develop confidence and independence, building social skills, and enabling children to benefit from a consistent routine. A regular attendance pattern can support children to feel secure, settled, and ready to learn.

Parents and carers interested in a Nursery place are encouraged to contact the school directly for further information and to discuss availability. Attendance at the Nursery does not guarantee admission to Reception, which is administered separately by the local authority.

### **Summerseat SEND Unit Admissions**

Summerseat Methodist Primary School has a Local Authority funded SEND unit. Admissions to the SEND unit are managed entirely by the Local Authority and are separate from the school's own admissions arrangements.

Places within the SEND unit are allocated through the Local Authority SEND team and are decided in accordance with their statutory processes and panel decisions. Children must have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) in order to be considered for a place.

For children currently attending a mainstream setting, consideration for a SEND unit place is normally made through the annual review process, where needs and provision are formally reviewed by the Local Authority. Being on roll at Summerseat Methodist Primary School does not give priority or advantage in the allocation of SEND unit places.

The school does not allocate places to the SEND unit and has no role in decision-making regarding admissions to the unit. Parents and carers who are interested in SEND unit provision

are encouraged to contact the Local Authority SEND team directly for further information and guidance.

### **Conclusion**

Summerseat Methodist Primary School is proud of its caring, inclusive ethos and the strong relationships it builds with children and families. We welcome enquiries from parents and carers who are considering joining our school community.

The school holds open days throughout the year; however, we are always happy to arrange visits for prospective families at other times. Parents and carers are encouraged to contact the school directly to arrange a visit, meet staff, and ask any questions about our provision, admissions processes, or support for individual children.

We look forward to welcoming families into the life of our school and working in partnership to support every child to flourish.