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## School Admissions Guidance for Parents and Carers

### 1. What is a Voluntary Controlled Church of England Primary School?

*Voluntary Controlled (VC) schools are those with religious character but that are still maintained by the local authority. As such, all admissions and funding procedures are the same as for community schools. This should not be confused with Voluntary Aided schools (VA) who set their own admissions criteria and who are partly funded by the church.*

### 2. Will my religious denomination affect whether my child gets a place at Goldsborough?

*No. Goldsborough is a Church of England Primary school, however, there are no criteria in place that restrict admission into our school based on religious denomination. All admissions are allocated exactly as described on the NYCC website.*

### 3. Can the school offer my child a place when I visit?

*Unfortunately not. All admissions to North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) maintained schools are finalised by the Harrogate Area Admissions Team. If you are seeking a place mid-year due to relocating or for other reasons, the Headteacher can advise you as to whether there is a place available in the required year group. Parents and carers will then complete the process of admission into school through the Admissions Team.*

### 4. I have chosen Goldsborough because I believe the school will meet a specific additional need that my child has. Should I mention this on the form?

*Yes. If your child has a special need or disability and you are able to provide supporting evidence of this need from the appropriate professional (e.g. doctor), this information may support your application.*

### 5. What is an EHCP?

*An Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) sets out a child's needs and the help s/he should have to support their ongoing development. It is reviewed annually to ensure that any extra support given continues to meet that child's needs. The EHCP is written as a result of assessment which is carried out by the local authority.*

### 6. Is my child eligible for free transport to and from Goldsborough School?

*Free transport, in the form of a school bus which only serves Goldsborough School, transports pupils to and from school free of charge. If s/he lives within our catchment area and more than two miles from school. Pupils are met from the bus by a member of staff and escorted onto the bus at the end of the day.*

### 7. I believe that my child may be eligible to receive free school meals. Will my child be singled out in any way?

*Absolutely not. Any children who are in receipt of free school meals are recorded and treated in exactly the same way as all other pupils. There is no way of others knowing who is in receipt of free school meals.*

**8. What is the best way to apply for a place?**

*The quickest way is online – the form can be found at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions). If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, please call the Admissions Team on 01609 533679.*

**9. I need support with the application process. Who can help?**

*We recognise that the process for applying for a school place can be confusing. We are more than happy to support you with your application should you require it. Please call the Admissions Team on 01609 533679 or the school office on 01423 862617.*