

*'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'*



**St Mary's Voluntary Aided Church of England Primary School, Northchurch**

**Admissions Policy and Application Procedure for Academic Year 2020/21**

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### **Compulsory school age**

Compulsory school age is set out in section 8 of the Education Act 1996 and The Education (Start of Compulsory School Age) Order 1998. A child reaches compulsory school age on the prescribed day following his fifth birthday (or on his fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 December, 31 March and 31 August. The term 'summer born' is used to refer to children born from 1 April to 31 August. These children are not required to start school until a full school year after the point at which they could first have been admitted.