



## **Maney Hill Primary School Reception**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### ***What are the Admissions Criteria?***

*As a maintained primary school we have the Birmingham City Council Admissions criteria which gives priority to:*

- *Children with an EHC Plan for special educational needs (SEN).*
- *Looked after or previously looked after children.*
- *Siblings (brother or sister who will still be in attendance in September of that year).*
- *Distance (children who live nearest the school measured in a straight line).*

*More information on admissions can be found at:*

***<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>***

#### ***Which Reading scheme and Phonics programme do you use?***

*At Maney Hill children's reading is supported with the Oxford Reading Tree and we teach phonics using Read Write Inc.*

#### ***Do you provide any extra-curricular clubs?***

*Yes, we have a range of clubs which are mostly after school. The children have the opportunity to play in sports clubs such as football, netball, hockey, running and bike-ability. We have arts and crafts clubs including knitting and drawing. We regularly have a choir, drama club, a film club and a French club. From Year 3 children are offered the chance to play a musical instrument and in Year 4 the whole class learns to play a keyboard.*

#### ***How do you ensure Equal Opportunities?***

*In line with our Equal Opportunities Policy, we want all children to have access to a broad and balanced curriculum that enables all children to be included in a*

*lifelong learning process and to be included as valued, respected and equal members of the learning community along with all other children of their age. In every class there is the opportunity for all children to take part in a range of classroom and extra-curricular activities such as Class Assemblies, Carol Concerts, Christmas Production and a wide range of visits to enhance the curriculum.*

***Do the children have the opportunity to attend a residential visit?***

*Yes, in recent years the Year 4 children have attended a mini-residential in Herefordshire and the Year 6 children attend a week long residential in North Wales.*

***Do you provide a before and after school club?***

*Yes, our school run Bluebirds Club is open every day in term time and provides before school provision from 7.45am and after school provision until 6.00pm. Whilst we offer a large number of places, we cannot guarantee a place. Priority is given to siblings of children already in school.*

***Do you have a school PTA?***

*Yes, we have a Maney Hill PTA. The PTA arrange a variety of events throughout the year for families to attend. The PTA provide the school with much valued additional funds. Volunteers for the PTA are always welcome.*

***Does the school have a catchment area?***

*Our school catchment area varies from year to year so it is not possible to give a distance within which you would be guaranteed a place.*

***What is your policy on class arrangement for twins?***

*We leave the decision of whether twins should be in the same or separate classes with parents. If you have a preference, please let us know as soon as possible so that new classes can be arranged accordingly.*

***Do you set groups across the year group?***

*We set groups for Phonics according to the ability of the children. This allows us to provide tailored teaching for smaller groups of children. We do not set across the year group for English or Maths. Within the class the teacher may arrange children into groups with independent work set according to the learning needs of the group.*