

ADMISSIONS

The arrangements for the admission of children into the nursery and reception years are made by the admissions section in the Local Authority.

Places in schools are limited by the physical space in the school. Each school has an admission number which is based on the size of the school. If the number of pupils requiring places is more than the admission number then not every child will be successful in getting a place. This is what we mean when a school is said to be 'oversubscribed'. If the school is oversubscribed the places will be allocated using the following admission criteria:

1. Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.

This includes children who have ceased to be looked after because they were adopted or became subject to a special residency order or special guardianship order.

2. Children in Need as defined by the Children Act (1989), i.e. those who are unlikely to achieve or maintain or to have the opportunity of achieving or maintaining a reasonable standard of health or development or a child/children whose health or development would be further impaired without the provision of services by the local authority. Confirmation of the child's needs will be required from their social worker (see note c).

3. Medical reasons - If claiming medical reasons, parents/carers must provide evidence from their doctor that the child has a medical condition which means that admission to a particular school is essential.

4. Brother or sister in attendance at the school (Reception – Year 6 only) at the date when the pupil is to be admitted. This includes stepchildren and foster children living with the same family at the same address. Other children may be considered under the sibling criterion provided proof is available to demonstrate that the children are permanently resident at the same address and part of the same family unit. (The authority accepts that in some family units the children may not be natural brothers and/or sisters).

5. Children living nearest to the school.

The distance will be measured in a straight line using LLPG (Local Land and Property Gazetteer) information to measure the distance between the address point of the child's home address and the centre of the school in miles. Those children whose home address is closest to the school will be those who get priority for places.

IN-YEAR ADMISSIONS

In-year admissions are applications for children wishing to move to a new school during the school year. You should contact the school admissions team on 0161 909 6508 for an application form. They will be able to advise on the availability of school places at your preferred school. Unfortunately, you cannot apply online for in-year admissions at the current time. For further information and a copy of the admissions booklet contact:

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