

Platt Bridge Community Primary School

Admission Arrangements 2015/16

Admission number: 60

Where the school receives more applications than places available, the following admission criteria will be applied once places have first been allocated to pupils who have a statement of special educational needs which names the school.

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.

Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order). Applications for previously looked after children must be supported with appropriate evidence i.e. a copy of the adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order.

2. Children whose older brothers or sisters attend the school and will still be there at the time of admission.

3. Other children living nearest to the school.

Tie-breaker

Where there are more children in one particular criterion than the number of places available, places will be allocated to the children who live nearest to the school. The distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to a central point at the school using a Geographical Information System (GIS) which is based on ordnance survey.

If we offer the last place available at a school to one of twins (or triplets, or so on), our policy is to admit the other twin or triplets too.

Occasionally the distance from home to school is the same for more than one child. For example, if more than one child lives in the same block of flats. In these cases, a system to randomly pick who will be offered a place will be used. The governing body will use the same system used by the local authority for community and controlled schools. A copy of the policy is available on request from the local authority.

Brothers and sisters

Children with brothers or sisters who will be attending the school in the school year. We will include: -

- Half-brothers and half-sisters;
- Stepbrothers and stepsisters; and

- Foster brothers and foster sisters;

who live at the same address as part of the same family unit.

Home Address

When considering an application, we will use the permanent home address at the closing date for applications. If parents are separated and the child spends time at each parent's address, the address we use for admission to schools is that of the main carer. We use the address of the parent who gets the Child Benefit for this.

Nursery Classes

The admission criteria for schools differ from those for nursery classes. Attendance at the nursery or a co-located children's centre does not guarantee admission to the school. Parents must submit an application for a place in the Reception class by the closing date.

Late applications

Late applications (those received after the closing date) will only be considered after those received by the closing date. The only exception to this is applications for looked after children that are received by 15 February will be included with on time applications.

Waiting list policy

Places may become available at a school after the offer date. To decide which children have these places, we will:

- put all children who we refused a place on the waiting list for the school;
- keep the list in priority order, decided by the oversubscription criteria for the school only;
- offer places that become available to the next child on the waiting list; and
- keep the waiting list until the end of the autumn term 2014.

We cannot take into account the length of time a child's name has been on the waiting list, only the admission criteria for the school. This means that your child's position on the list may change if another parent asks to be put on the list and their child has higher priority in the admission criteria.

Deferred Entry

Parents may request that the date their child is admitted to school is deferred until later in the school year. Where entry is deferred, the place will be held open and not offered to another child. Parents cannot defer entry beyond the beginning of the term after the child's fifth birthday; nor can parents defer entry beyond the academic year for which the original application was accepted.

Part Time Attendance

Parents may request that their child attends school part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.