

Admissions Policy

2017



ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2017

Children will enter school at the beginning of the academic year following their 4th birthday. There is only one point of planned admission, in September. Parents are notified of the exact date of entry of their child in the preceding summer term.

Although the school's Admission policy is that children enter school in the September following their fifth birthday, parents may defer taking up the school place, if they so wish, until the child reaches statutory school age at the beginning of the term following the fifth birthday. (Further information can be found in NCC Appendix on Admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools: 2017-2018)

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Paragraph 2.16 on page 24 of the School Admissions Code 2014, linked to above, says that admission authorities must offer a full-time place to pupils in the September following their fourth birthdays.

However, it goes on to say that:

... the child’s parents can defer the date their child is admitted to the school until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which the child reaches compulsory school age and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which [the offer] was made.

The Department for Education (DfE) has published non-statutory advice on the admission of summer-born children. Page 4 explains that the reason behind giving parents the right to defer entry to reception is that some parents may feel their child is not ready to start school in the September following his/her fourth birthday.

[Advice on the admission of summer-born children, GOV.UK –](#)

In the previous version of the School Admissions Code, which no longer applies, paragraph 2.16 said that parents could request that their child’s entry to reception be deferred until later in the school year.

The 2012 document used the term ‘request’, schools had to comply with parents’ wishes to defer.

The 2014 version of the code, linked to above, removed the word ‘request’ to make this position clearer.

This decision would be without detriment if statutory school age would be in the same academic year. If deferring the take up of a place means admission in the next school year, application for that school year would need to be made in the usual way.

The local authority is the admissions authority for community schools. The LA’s admission arrangements and criteria are designed to ensure that there is a transparent and equitable system across the county.

STANDARD RECEPTION CRITERIA:

INFANT AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2017-2018:

- 1 Children looked after by a local authority and previously looked after children
- 2 Children who live in the catchment area at the closing date for applications and who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending the school or the linked junior/primary school
- 3 Other children who live in the catchment area at the closing date for applications

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4 Children who live outside the catchment area

In the event of over-subscription within any criterion, preference will normally be given to children who live nearest to the school as the crow flies. Distances are measured from the entrance to the child’s home to the nearest recognised main entrance of the school building.

The published admission number for banks Road is 60.

Special Circumstances

Consideration will be given to applicants who can establish particular medical, Special Educational Needs or social grounds relating to their child. Supporting written evidence from a doctor, social worker or other relevant professional must be provided at the time of application. The definition of Special Educational Needs relates to a learning difficulty which calls for special educational provision to be made for the child. Special consideration will be given to children whose mobility support needs require that they access the specialist accommodation provided by a school in a designated ‘through route’ family of schools. Each case will be determined on its merits.

Special circumstances may take precedence over any of the numbered criteria above. The allocation of any such places will be determined by the Local Education Officer, in consultation with the Head teacher.

Admission to year groups other than the intake year

Applications for admissions to other year groups will normally be considered in relation to the published admission limit which applied when the year group was first admitted to school, although infant class size restrictions will also need to be considered. If places are available within the year group, applications will be considered in accordance with the above admission criteria. If places are available, the child will normally be admitted to the school.

Further guidance on the way in which applications are dealt with, including

- Preferences for more than one school
- Late applications
- The way waiting lists are maintained and used can be found in Nottinghamshire County Council’s publication ‘Admissions to Schools.

Appeals

Appeals for admission to the school are considered by Nottinghamshire LA, and should be made in writing to them. Consideration will be given to applicants according to the merits of each individual case.

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THE POLICY WILL BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY.

DATE OF REVIEW BY GOVERNING BODY:

February 2016

March 2017

March 2018

This policy was reviewed and ratified by the Pupil and Personnel committee March 2017.

Signed: Chair of Governors _____

Date: _____