Pleasant Street Primary School

Admissions Policy

September 2023

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Policy for Admissions

'Pleasant Street Primary School pledges itself to be a place where uniqueness is celebrated and all individuals will find safety and respect for themselves, their families and their way of life.'

Admissions to Pleasant Street Primary School are the responsibility of the Governing Body, who apply the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all who wish to attend this school, in agreement with the Local Authority.

Aims and Objectives
We are an inclusive school that welcomes children from all backgrounds and abilities.

All applications will be treated on merit and in a sensitive manner.

The only restriction we place on entry is that of number. The standard number for each class is 30. This will be reviewed as necessary. As required by law the governors will not admit more than 30 pupils to the reception or key stage 1 classes.

Application Procedure
As a community school, our admissions procedures are determined in agreement with the LA, which is the 'Admissions Authority' for the school. Each year the LA publishes regulations for entry; these are available directly from the LA.

Nursery Admissions – There are 60 part time places in our nursery for children aged 3 and 4. Applications should be made directly to the school. If a place is not available the child's name will be placed on a waiting list until one is available. Places will be offered according to age – oldest first. Full time places may be offered in accordance with LA guidelines. A place in the nursery does not guarantee a place in the reception class.

Reception Admissions – Children enter school in the academic year in which they are 5, the admissions date being September. Places are allocated by the Local Authority in accordance with the coordinated admissions policy. Information and application forms are available online and should be returned to the LA by 15th January in the year prior to admission. If more than 30 applications are received, places will be allocated by the LA on the basis of:

1. Looked after children.
2. Children with a Statement of Special Educational Need.
3. Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of likely admission.
4. The distance of the home address from the school measured by the shortest walking distance between home and school using public highways as defined by Children's Services. Please note that parents may be asked to provide proof of their permanent home address.

Parents will be informed if they have a place in April.

Speech and Language Resourced Provision – The admission number for Class 7 is 20 children of mixed ages from Foundation Stage and Key Stages 1 and 2. Speech and Language Services allocate places. The children will return to their mainstream school when it is deemed appropriate at their annual review.

Other Admissions – Parents should apply directly to the Local Authority. Children will be admitted if a place is available in the year group.

Appeals Procedure
If we do not offer a child a place at this school, it is because to do so would contravene guidance on class size, or would prejudice the education of other children by allowing the class size to increase too much.

If parents wish to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying to the LA. An independent appeals panel then meets to consider all appeals. An appeals panel's decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decides that we should admit a child, we will accept this and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all children at our school. (Details of the appeals arrangements are set out in the Code of Practice on Schools Admissions Appeals).

Review
This policy will be reviewed annually in the light of LA guidance and any changed circumstances in the school or the local area.

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