Fulwell Infant School Academy

ADMISSIONS POLICY 2027-2028

The Trustees/Governing Body of Fulwell Infant School Academy is the Admissions Authority for the school on behalf of the Academy Trust. This means that a committee of the governing body considers all applications sent to them by the Local Authority, according to the criteria stated below.

This policy has been agreed following consultation between the Governing Body, all voluntary aided schools and academies, all other admission authorities in the area and interested parties and parents through our website.

This policy has been determined in accordance with the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, the Education Act 2002, the Education and Inspections Act 2006, the Academies Act 2010, the School Admissions Code 2021 and the School Admission Appeals Code 2022.

Nursery application forms are available from the school office. Reception applications must be made on the Common Application Form (available from the Local Authority) by the determined closing date and an offer will be made by the Local Authority on behalf of the school on the National Offer Day. Applications received after the closing date will only be considered after all those received by the closing date have been considered.

Parents (a parent is determined as a person with parental responsibility) have the right to express a preference for a school of their choice. In the first instance, all preferences expressed will be considered on an equal preference basis, but where a child is eligible for more than one place, it will be the highest ranked school for which they are eligible that they will be offered.

Children whose Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) names Fulwell Infant School Academy will be admitted before the oversubscription criteria are applied.

The admissions policy is applied only if the number of applications exceeds the number of places available.

The school will admit 90 pupils in accordance with the following criteria and in the following order of priority:

Admission Criteria

1. Looked After Children

This refers to children who are looked after by a Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 and previously looked after children who ceased to be so because they were adopted, became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order. This also includes children who appear to have been in state care outside England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

Parents are asked to send proof as supplementary information with their application form.

2. Siblings
Children who have an older sibling attending the Academy or Fulwell Junior School at the time of their application.
Sibling refers to a brother or sister, half-brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step-brother or sister or foster brother or sister. The child of the parent/carer's partner is also classed as a sibling if the child for whom the place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

3. Feeder School
Children who attend the Nursery Class of the same Academy in the previous academic year to that of their application.

4. Distance from Academy
Children living near the Academy will be admitted using the selection criteria measured by the shortest, safest walking distance.
Distance will be measured from the centre of the child's home address (including flats), taken to be the address at which the child mainly resides, to the main entrance of the Academy (Ebdon Lane) using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system (GIS – Geographical Information System).
Those living closer to the school will receive the higher priority.
Where required, proof of residency may be requested by the Academy. Evidence may include a Council Tax bill or other official documentation confirming the child's main residence.

Tie Breaker
If, within any category, there are more applicants than places available, the shortest, safest walking distance from the Academy will be used to determine priority.

Deferred Entry
Parents who are awarded a place for their child may request that the date their child is admitted to school is deferred until later in the school year, but not beyond the beginning of the term after the child reaches compulsory school age.
Parents may also request that their child attends part-time until reaching compulsory school age. In these circumstances, parents should discuss arrangements with the Headteacher.
A child reaches compulsory school age at the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday.

Notes and Supplementary Information
Where there is a dispute regarding parental responsibility or the child's main residence, the Academy may require additional evidence in order to determine which address should be used for admission purposes. Applications will be processed in accordance with the Local Authority's coordinated admissions scheme.

Information given by parents which is found to be fraudulent or intentionally misleading may result in the offer of a place being withdrawn.

The admissions committee is required by law to consider the information supplied on the application form and any supplementary information requested. It is very important that you take great care to ensure the details you provide are complete and correct before submitting them.

Any advice or support required in completing an application can be obtained from the school office.

Parents who are unsuccessful in securing a place for their child at the Academy have a statutory right of appeal. Further details of the appeal process are available by writing to the Chair of Governors at the Academy address. Appeals are heard by an independent appeal panel.

Children who are unsuccessful in securing a place at the Academy will be placed on a waiting list, which will be held by the Academy until December of the same year, in conjunction with the Local Authority. Should a place become available, the admissions criteria will be applied again to every child on the waiting list at the time of the vacancy.

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