



Ashby Hill Top Primary School

Admissions Policy 2016

Signed on behalf of the Governing Body by	
Date	February 2016
Review Date	February 2018

Policy on Admissions

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Our governing body applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend this school. The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 introduced a new framework for school admissions as of September 2000. This was later revised in the Education Act of 2002. Our admissions policy conforms to the regulations that are set out in that Act and are further explained in the statutory School Admissions Code of Practice and the statutory Appeals Code of Practice. These were revised in February 2012 and came into force with immediate effect.

2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1 We seek to be an inclusive school, welcoming children from all backgrounds and abilities.
- 2.2 All applications will be treated on merit, and in a sensitive manner.
- 2.3 The only restriction we place on entry is that of number. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available (39 per year group, 45 from Sept 2016), we adopt the procedure set out below to determine whether a child is to be accepted or not. It is our wish for parents to find a place for their child at the school of their choice. However, this is not always possible, due to excess demand on the places available.
- 2.4 A child's level of ability is irrelevant to this school's admissions policy, as are any special needs the child may have.

3 How parents can apply for their child to be admitted to our school

- 3.1 Although our school is an academy school, it determines the admission arrangements in agreement with the local authority (LA). The LA, publishes its entry regulations every year. Parents can receive a copy of these regulations directly from the LA.
- 3.2 The LA's annual admissions prospectus informs parents how to apply for a place at the school of their choice. Parents have a right to express their preference, but this does not, in itself, guarantee a place at that particular school. Application should be made on a form that can be obtained from the local Education Department or online at www.leics.gov.uk, forms should be returned by the date stipulated. The school will notify parents of the decision as soon as all the applications have been considered.
- 3.3 In this area, children enter school at the start of the academic year in which they become five. There is one admission date per year, early in September (i.e. when the autumn term begins). Therefore, parents who would like their child to be admitted to this school during the year their child is five should ensure that they return the necessary application form by the LA stated deadline.

4 Admission appeals

- 4.1 If we do not offer a child a place at this school, this will be because to do so would prejudice the education of other children by allowing the number of children in the school to increase too much.
- 4.2 If parents wish to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying through the LA. An independent panel considers all such appeals, and its decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decides that we should admit a child to whom we had refused a place, then we will accept this decision and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all the children at our school. (Further details of appeal arrangements are set out in the revised Code of Practice on School Admissions Appeals, which came into force in February 2012.)

5 The standard number

- 5.1 The 'standard number' is the number of children the LA considers the school can accommodate. The standard number for our school is 39, (45 from September 2016) we keep this number under review, and the governors will apply to change the number if circumstances change.

6 Sizes of classes for infants

- 6.1 When classes are organised each year, we ensure that class sizes in Foundation and KS1 do not exceed 30 at the planning stage and will only exceed 30 in the most exceptional circumstances that are agreed by the Local Authority.

7 Monitoring and review

- 7.1 This policy will be monitored by the governing body, who will always take due note of the guidance provided by the local Admissions Forum.
- 7.2 The policy will be reviewed every two years, or earlier in the light of any changed circumstances, either in our school or in the local area.