

Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Admissions Policy



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We have a pupil admission number of 10 pupils into our Reception Class. If you require further information about our school, or would like to visit with a view to your child attending our wonderful school either in Reception or in another year group, please do get in touch with the school office to arrange a visit. We love sharing what we do.

Our Vision

Throughout their time at Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School, we aspire for children to excel and:

- Be healthy and happy
- Be lifelong readers
- Be risk-takers
- Be change-makers
- Be creators
- Be inquisitive (with a thirst for knowledge)

Admissions Timetables

North Yorkshire County Council (Local Authority) operates a timetabled co-ordinated admissions procedure for all schools in line with Government legislation. The Local Authority will manage the process on behalf of the school according to the scheme which they will publish in their Admissions Booklet for that year but it is still the Governing Body, as the Admission Authority for this school who will allocate the available places in line with this policy. The closing date for admission application forms to be received by the Local Authority will be as published in their Admissions Booklet for that year. Also contained in that booklet will be information on how to complete their application form on-line, dates for notification to parents of admissions decision and the closing dates for accepting places or lodging appeals. In case of any doubt on these dates, please contact the Local Authority or the school.

Statement of Special Educational Needs

All governing bodies are required by law to admit to the school a child with a statement of special needs (SEN) or education health and care plan (EHCP) that names the school. This is not an oversubscription criterion. This relates only to children who have undergone statutory assessment or education health and care assessment and for whom a final statement of special educational needs or education health and care plan has been issued. If the number of applications exceeds the published admission number, after the admission of children where the school is named in the statement of special educational needs (SEN) or education health and care plan (EHCP) the following oversubscription criteria will apply.

Oversubscription Criteria

The Governing Body will admit 10 children to the reception class. This is the Published Admission Number for the school (PAN). Children will be admitted in to Reception in September after their 4th birthday. On consultation, the school may be able to offer more than the published number of places depending on year groups below and above.

Parents/carers may request that the date their child is admitted to the school is deferred until later in the same school year or until the child reaches compulsory school age in that school year. Parents/carers may request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age. Requests for a child to start their schooling on a part-time basis or to defer the start until they reach compulsory school-age should be addressed to the Headteacher. Compulsory school age is the beginning of the term following the child's fifth birthday.

Priority Group 1	Children and young people in public care for whom the school has been expressed as a preference and previously looked after children, that is children who were adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after. This applies to all looked-after children, including those who are in the care of another local authority. In the case of previously looked after children, proof that the child was previously in
	the care of a local authority will be required to support the application
Priority Group 2	Children the authority believes have exceptional social or medical reasons for admission to the highest preference school. We will only consider applications on social or medical grounds if they are supported by a professional recommendation from a doctor, social worker, or other appropriate professional. The supporting evidence should set out the particular social or medical reason(s) why the school in question is the only school that can meet your child's needs and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school. Panels of professionally qualified people will consider all applications made under priority group two. Unsupported applications will not be considered under the social / medial criterion.
Priority Group 3	Siblings of children already attending Hunton & Arrathorne CP School, at the time of entry.
Priority Group 4	Children living within the normal area of the school.
Priority Group 5	Children living outside the normal catchment area of the school.

Deadlines & Application Forms

Applications should be completed and returned via the North Yorkshire County Council website. Deadlines for applications can be accessed from the NYCC Admissions website.

In Year Applications

The allocation of any places which may become available during the year will be made on the basis of the current Oversubscription Criteria. Applications should be made via the Local Authority using the appropriate Local Authority in-year application form. There are no deadline dates for in year applications.

Admission Appeals

If you are unsuccessful in gaining a place for your child at this school you will be informed by The Local Authority in writing, be given reasons and informed of your right to an independent appeal against the decision.