



Welton Primary School - Admissions 2017-2018

Introduction

Welton Primary School is an Academy and part of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership, and as such the Governing Body is the admissions authority. Our governing body applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend the school.

Welton Primary school is part of Bath & North East Somerset's Coordinated Admissions scheme. All applications for admissions must be submitted to the Local Authority (LA) by the published closing date. The LA will forward all applications to the school and the Governing Body will rank all applications against the admissions criteria. The list will then be returned to the LA under the coordinated admissions scheme and they will make a single offer of a place on the published date.

Admissions criteria are as follows:

PRIORITY A

Children in Public Care (looked after children) or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order.

PRIORITY B

The 3 categories in this criterion will be given equal consideration

- Children who live within a 1.5 mile radius* of the school and for whom there will be a sibling in attendance on the admission date of the preferred school.
- Children who live outside a 1.5 mile radius* of the school but their sibling was offered a place prior to September 2013 and will be in attendance at the time of admission
- Children who live outside a 1.5 mile radius* of the school but it is their closest Community or Voluntary Controlled school and for whom there will be a sibling in attendance on the admission date.

PRIORITY C

Children who live closest to the school as measured in a direct line.

**The 1.5 mile radius will be measured from the address point of the school as defined by the Local Land & Property Gazetteer (LLPG).*

Additional Notes

To be considered under the above criteria parents must have named the school as a preference. Under the above criteria all preferences are considered equally. If a child qualifies for more than one school they will be offered their highest preference as stated on their application form.

In all cases distances will be measured in a direct line from the address point of the child's home address to the address point of a school as defined by the LLPG. Measurements will be determined using the Local Authority's GIS computerised mapping system.

If under all the above criteria any single category resulted in oversubscription those living closer to the preferred school would receive the higher priority. Where there is more than one applicant ranked equally according to the published admission criteria and there are

insufficient places available to allocate all of the equally ranked applicants place(s) will be allocated by random allocation.

The child's home address is defined as the permanent address where he or she generally resides with their parent. Temporary addresses may not be used to obtain school places. A random sample of 10% of all applications received each year will be checked to confirm address using the Council Tax Office or Electoral Role. A copy of a utility bill may also be requested.

Children with an Education Health & Care Plan (EHCP) are dealt with separately through the statutory assessment process or a review of their plan. All schools are consulted before being named on a pupil's plan and schools have the opportunity to draw attention to any difficulties arising from oversubscribed year groups. If a particular school is named this will take priority over the Admissions Criteria although wherever possible the place will be offered within the Admission Number for the school.

Published Admission Number

The published admission number is the number of children the Governing Body considers the school can accommodate. The Published Admission number is 28.

Admission Appeals

Parents/carers who make a formal appeal against their allocated school will have their child's name kept on a waiting list for any places that may become available at their preferred school. If the governing body does not offer a child a place at this school it will be because to do so would prejudice the education of the other children by allowing the number of children in the school to increase too much. Details of how to appeal will be explained in the decision letter.

Deferred Entry

Parents of children aged four who have not yet reached their fifth birthday have the right to apply for a deferred entry into school. In these circumstances, parents can:

- a) Request that their child start school, in the Reception year group at a later stage in the academic year, however, must be in full time education by the start of the term after their fifth birthday.
- b) Request that their child takes up a place on a part time basis until their child reaches their fifth birthday.

The Local Authority

The Local Authority's annual admissions prospectus informs parents how to apply for a place at the school of their choice. Parents have the right to express a preference but this does not in itself guarantee a place at that particular school. Applications should be made on a form that can be obtained online from the LA and should be returned by the date stipulated. Details are available on their website www.bathnes.gov.uk or by contacting them directly:

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