



New Haw Community School

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ADMISSIONS POLICY

Academic Year 1st September 2016 - 31st August 2017

This document sets out the determined admission arrangements for New Haw Community School (The School) for 1st September 2016 - 31st August 2017.

Children are admitted to New Haw Community School in the September of the academic year following their 7th birthday. Open mornings are held in the preceding Autumn when details of the school are available for prospective parents. This is an opportunity to meet the staff and see the school in session. Alternative arrangements can also be made by booking an appointment through the school office.

The school participates in the local authority co-ordinated admissions scheme where an equal preference system operates (for details see LA website).

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) is 90 children into Year 3.

Priority for admission arrangements from 2016 will be as follows:

First Priority: Looked after and previously looked after children

Within the admission arrangements looked after and previously looked after children will receive the top priority for a place. Looked after and previously looked after children will be considered to be:

- Children who are registered as being in the care of a Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989(a), e.g. fostered or living in a children's home, at the time an application for a school is made; and
- Children who have left care through adoption (in accordance with Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002), a residence order (in accordance with Section 8 of the Children Act 1989) or special guardianship order (in accordance with Section 14A of the Children Act 1989).

Second Priority: Exceptional social/medical need

Occasionally there will be a very small number of children for whom exceptional arrangements apply which will warrant a placement at a particular school. Supporting evidence from a professional will be required such as a doctor and/or consultant for medical cases or social worker, health visitor, housing officer, the police or probation officer for other social circumstances. This evidence must confirm the circumstances of the case and must set out why the child should attend the school and why no other school could meet the child's needs.

Providing evidence does not guarantee that a child will be given priority and in each case a decision will be made by the Governing body of New Haw Community School based on the merits of the case and

whether the evidence demonstrates that a placement should be made at one particular school above any other.

Places may be allocated under this criterion when places are first offered at a school and the Local Authority may also ask schools to admit over their Published Admission Number at other times under this criterion.

Third Priority: Children attending The Grange Community Infant School

Pupils who are currently in year 2 at The Grange Community Infant School will be admitted under this priority.

Fourth Priority: Siblings not admitted under 3 above

A sibling will be considered to be a brother or sister (that is, another child of the same parents, whether living at the same address or not), a half-brother or half-sister or a step-brother or step-sister or an adoptive or foster sibling, living at the same address.

A child will be given sibling priority if they have a sibling at the school at the time of the child's admission. For the initial intake to the school a child will be given priority for admission only if their sibling will still be at the school in September 2016 or he/she will have a sibling at an infant/junior school on a shared/adjoining site in September 2016. This will apply both at the initial allocation of places and also when prioritising the waiting list. Giving siblings priority has the effect of maximising the opportunity for children in the same family to be educated at the same school or at a school on a shared or adjoining site.

If within this category there are more applicants than places available, any remaining places will be offered to applicants who meet this criterion on the basis of proximity of the child's home address to the school.

Fifth Priority: Any other children

Remaining places will be offered on the basis of nearness to the school measured in a straight line from the address point of the pupil's house, as set by Ordnance Survey to the nearest official school gate for pupils to use.

Where two or more children share a priority for a place, e.g. where two children live equidistant from a school and only one place remains, New Haw Community School will draw lots to determine which child should be given priority.

Home Address

Within the school's admission arrangements the child's home address excludes any business, relatives or childminder's address and must be the child's normal place of residence. In the case of formal equal shared custody it will be up to the parents to agree which address to use. In other cases it is where the child spends most of the time. All distances will be measured by the computerised system maintained by Surrey School Admissions.

Waiting lists

Where there are more applicants than places available, waiting lists will operate for each year group according to the oversubscription criteria for each school and without regard to the date the application was received or when a child's name was added to the waiting list. .

Waiting lists for the initial intake will be maintained until the last day of the Autumn term when they will be cancelled. Parents wishing to remain on the waiting list after this date must write to the school by 31st December 2016, stating their wish and providing their child's name, date of birth and the name of their child's current school. After 31st December 2016, parents whose children are not already on the waiting list but who wish them to be so must apply for in-year admission. Waiting lists for all year groups will be cancelled at the end of each academic year.

From 1st September 2016 in-year admissions for Years 3-6 will be administered using the criteria above.

Appeals

If a place is not offered at the school there is a right to appeal to an independent panel. Contact is through the Surrey Schools Appeals Service. To request an appeal form please contact Surrey Schools Appeals Service, Room 122, County Hall, Penryhn Road, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 2DN.

Out of Chronological Year Admissions

Applicants may choose to seek a place outside of their child's chronological (correct) year group.

Whilst there is no statutory barrier to children being admitted or educated outside of their chronological year group, if such an application is made, it is for the school's admissions authority to decide whether to agree to such a request. Any such decision will take into consideration the circumstances of the case and what is considered to be in the best interests of the child.

Any such applications must state clearly why they feel admission to a different year group is in the child's best interest and provide what evidence they have to support this. More information on educating children out of their chronological year group and the process for making such requests is available at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

This policy was adopted by the Governing Body in March 2015 and will be reviewed again in the Autumn Term, 2015.