



ADMISSIONS POLICY 2020

The school is a co-educational academy and provides education for children aged between 4 to 11 years.

The published admission number for the relevant age group is 60.

Children are admitted in September in the academic year in which they have their fifth birthday. Children with Statements of Special Educational Needs and EHC plans (or the equivalent under proposed new legislation) are admitted outside this policy but count towards the published admission number.

Applications to this school must be made through the Local Authority's co-ordinated admission system. An on-line application must be made at: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, after the admission of children with Statements of Special Educational Needs, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in order:

- Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children (see definition).
- Children who are residents within the school's defined catchment area.
- Children who have a sibling currently attending the school.
- Children of staff members; where the member of teaching and non-teaching staff has been employed at Priors Hall – a learning community for two or more years, at the time of which the application for admission to the school is made and/or the member of teaching and non-teaching staff is recruited to fill a vacant post, for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage.
- Proximity of the child's home address to the school, those living nearer being accorded the higher priority. Measurements will be straight line distances taken using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system.

Tie-breaker

Where it is necessary to choose between two or more applicants, the tiebreaker will be distance with the child who resides the nearest to the school being given the place. Where there is more than one applicant at the relevant distance, then the tie-breaker will be random allocation. The random allocation process will be independently supervised.

Definitions used in this policy

Catchment Area

The school's catchment area is the area within the line marked on the attached map. Where there is a dispute as to whether a particular address is within the Catchment area, the school's decision shall be **final**.

Home address

The child's home address is the address of the parent or legal guardian with whom the child spends the majority of the time during the school week (Sunday-Thursday nights). Parents/legal guardians may be asked to produce evidence of residency/home address at any time during the admissions process. The address used must be the home address at the time of application. If a house move is planned the new address may only be used once Exchange of Contracts has taken place or a Tenancy Agreement has been signed.

Looked After Child/Previously Looked After Child

A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (according to the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to the school.

Previously 'looked after children' are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).

Sibling

A brother or sister sharing the same parents.

A half brother or half sister, where two children share one common parent.

A step-brother or step-sister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage or partnership. The partners must be living together in a permanent relationship (as if they were husband and wife or civil partners).

Children with an older brother or sister continuing at the school at the time of admission of younger child.

Adopted or fostered children

A sibling must be living at the same address when the application is made.

The school will agree any changes to its admissions arrangements with the Secretary of State for Education.

Appeals

If your child is not successful in obtaining a place at this school, you have a right of appeal to an independent panel. If you wish to appeal, please contact the school office for further information.