



Reedley Primary School ADMISSIONS POLICY

Our school nurtures curiosity and creativity through an inspiring, broad and engaging curriculum, where learning is at the heart of all that we do. Children at Reedley learn to become resilient and self-assured in a safe environment where challenge is key. Team Reedley are encouraged to thrive and achieve as individuals, preparing them for their role as caring and active citizens in modern Britain.

(Mission statement)

Introduction

Reedley Primary School follows the admissions arrangements determined by Lancashire County Council, the admission authority for the school. Admissions are administered in accordance with the School Admissions Code and School Admission Appeals Code.

Aims and objectives

We are an inclusive school that welcomes children from all backgrounds and abilities. All applications will be treated on merit and in a sensitive manner by the LA.

The only restriction they place on entry is that of number. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available, they enforce the procedure set out below in order to determine whether a child is accepted or not. It is our wish to allow parents the right to have a place at the school of their choice. However, this is not always possible, due to the excess demand on the school places available. Reedley Primary School is an inclusive school and does not select children on the basis of ability or aptitude. Places are allocated in accordance with Lancashire County Council's published admissions arrangements. Where applications exceed the number of places available, places will be allocated in accordance with Lancashire County Council's published admission arrangements.

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

The school determines the admission arrangements in agreement with the Local Authority (LA). The LA is therefore the 'Admission Authority' for our school. The regulations for entry to each school, where the Admissions Authority is the LA, are published each year by the LA. Parents can receive a copy of these regulations directly from the LA.

Information on how and when to apply for a school place can be found by searching online for Lancashire County Council Primary School Admissions.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/>

The LA publishes a composite admissions prospectus each year, which gives information about how parents can apply for a place in the school of their choice. Parents have a right to express a preference for the school of their choice and they should do so on the application form. Expressing a preference does not, in itself, guarantee a place at this school.

The LA notifies parents about the school place as soon as all the applications have been considered. In this area, children enter school in the academic year they become five. There is one admissions date per year, in September (i.e. at the start of the school year). Therefore,

parents who would like their child to be admitted to this school during the year that their child is five should ensure that they complete the necessary application form either on-line or in paper form by the end of October, the year before.

Admission appeals

If the LA do not offer a child a place at this school, it is because to do so would prejudice the education of other children by allowing the numbers of children in the school to increase too much.

If parents wish to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying to the LA. An independent appeals panel then meets to consider all appeals by parents who have been refused a place at our school and who wish to appeal against this decision. An appeals panel's decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decides that we should admit a child to our school, then we will accept this and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all the children at our school. (Details of appeal arrangements are set out in the Code of Practice on School Admissions Appeals, which came into force in September 1999).

Published Admission Number (PAN)

Published Admission Number (PAN) is the number of children the school can accommodate. The standard number for our school is 60. We keep this number under review and the governors will apply to change the number if circumstances allow.

Infant class size

We teach Key Stage One children (aged five to seven) in classes that have a maximum number of 30 children.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually with the Admissions Authority in the light of any changed circumstances in our school or the local area.

Admissions for Older Children

If children wish to attend Reedley School other than for the Reception Class, then parents need to apply through Lancashire County Council admissions, making an application for an in-school admission. <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

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