

ADMISSIONS POLICY

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOMESHAYE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Lomeshaye Junior School

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Admission Numbers for Sept 2020 – 90

1. Introduction

Our governing body applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend this school. Our Admissions policy conforms to the regulations that are set out in that Act and are further explained in the statutory School Admission Code and the School Admissions Appeal Code. These were revised in December 2015.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-code--2>

2. Aims

We seek to be an inclusive school, welcoming children from all backgrounds and abilities. The only restriction we place on entry is that of number. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available, we adopt the procedure set out below to determine whether a child is to be accepted or not. It is our wish for parents to find a place for their child at the school of their choice. However, this is not always possible, due to excess demand on the places available.

3. How Parents Can Apply For Their Child to Be Admitted To Our School

Our school is a community school, and it determines the admission arrangements in agreement with the LA. The Admissions Authority for our school is therefore the LA, which publishes a maximum admission number of pupils that the school will admit in the Autumn Term 2016.

Application should be made on a form that can be obtained from the school or downloaded from our website. This should be returned by the date stipulated on that form. The school will notify parents of the decision as soon as all the applications have been considered. When a school is oversubscribed on parental preferences, then the following priorities apply in order:

1. Children in public care at the time when preferences are expressed and those who have been previously looked after, then
2. Children for whom the Local Authority accepts that there are exceptional medical social or welfare reasons which are directly relevant to the school concerned, then
3. Children with older brothers and sisters attending the school when the younger child will start, then
4. Remaining places are allocated according to where a child lives. Those living nearest to the preferred school by a straight line (radial) measure will have priority.

4. Admission Appeals

If we do not offer a child a place at this school, parents have the right to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying to the LA. An independent panel considers all such appeals, and its decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decides that we should admit a child to whom we had refused a place, then we will accept this decision and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all the children at our school. (Further details of appeal arrangements are set out in the Schools Admission Code and School Admissions Appeal Code).

5. The Numbers on Roll

The 'NOR' is the number of children the LA considers the school can accommodate. The number for our school is 90. We keep this number under review, and the governors will apply to change the number if circumstances change.

6. Monitoring & Review

This policy will be monitored by the governing body and reviewed every year, or earlier in the light of any changed circumstances, either in our school or in the local area. The policy will always take due note of guidance provided by the local Admissions Forum.