



Cramlington Village Primary School

Admissions Policy 2022-23



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The Admission arrangements of Cramlington Village Primary School fully comply with the School Admissions Code and Admissions Law. The school is open to anyone and is non-selective.

1. Cramlington Village Primary School (CVPS) has an agreed admission number of 30 pupils per year.
2. Responsibility for the admissions of pupils rests with the Governing Body of the school.
3. All applications for places at CVPS will be considered in accordance with the arrangements set out below.

Admission to Reception in September 2022

Agreed admissions number

The school will admit 30 pupils to its reception class for the academic year 2022-2023.

Application form

For admissions for the academic year 2022-2023, admissions arrangements are coordinated by Northumberland County Council, the Local Authority.

As part of the process managed by the Local Authority, it is accepted that applications submitted after the closing date will be considered after all other applications that have been received on time. Late applications to the Local Authority will only be considered if there is written evidence of exceptional medical, pastoral or compassionate grounds for the lateness of the application.

Verification of information

A child's permanent address is the place of normal residence during term time. Where parental responsibility is shared, the address where the child has been registered at an NHS doctor will be taken as the permanent address. The Governing Body also reserves the right to seek verification from the Local Authority in which the applicant is resident.

Proof of residence can be requested at any time throughout the admissions process. If false or misleading information is used to gain entry to CVPS, the offer of a place will be withdrawn. There is a right of appeal against this using the procedure listed herein.



Offers of places

Applicants to whom places are offered will be required to inform the Governing Body of their decision whether to accept or reject the offer by the date given in the letter of offer.

Appeal procedure

Parents whose applications for places are unsuccessful will be given an opportunity to appeal against the decision to an Independent Appeal Panel, set up in accordance with the statutory provisions in force at the time.

The appeal panel will be independent of Cramlington Village Primary School. The determination of the Appeal Panel is binding on all parties. The school shall prepare guidance for parents about how the appeals process will work and provide parents with a named contact who can answer any enquiries parents may have about the process. The school may, if it chooses, enter into an agreement with the Local Authority or any other organisation to recruit, train and appoint Appeal Panel members and to arrange for the process to be independently administered and clerked. Full details will be sent to parents with their decision letters.

Reserve list

In addition to the right to appeal, unsuccessful applicants will be offered an opportunity to be placed on the reserve list. The order of the reserve list will be determined in accordance with the order determined by the over-subscription criteria.

The reserve list will be maintained until 31st August 2022.

Vacancies arising between the offer day and the 31st August 2022 will in the first instance be offered to applicants on the reserve list.

Waiting lists

On 1st September 2022 applications on the reserve list will be placed on the waiting list. All applications on the waiting list will be considered for any vacancies occurring during the period between 1st September and 31st December 2022 in accordance with the admission criteria set out below under in-year or casual admissions.



Children with Education and Health Care Plans

Cramlington Village Primary School will admit any pupil whose plan names Cramlington Village Primary School and for whom the school has agreed to be named in the plan.

Oversubscription criteria

If there are more applicants than places, places will be offered in accordance with the following criteria in order of priority:

1. Looked After Children. Children who are looked after, or who have been previously looked after, by a Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the date the relevant application for admission is made, and who the Local Authority has confirmed will continue to be looked after by it in accordance with the said section at the time they are admitted to the school.
2. Pupils with exceptional medical or exceptional social needs (evidence must be supported in a written statement by a professionally involved third party, such as a doctor or a social worker). Children for whom it is essential to be admitted to this school because of special circumstances to do with significant medical or social needs evidenced by written professional advice, explaining why these needs can realistically only be met by Cramlington Village Primary School. The definition of what constitutes medical or social needs for this purpose will be set out in the school's prospectus.
3. Pupils whose parents are regarded as 'founding members' and who continue to be actively involved in the leadership of the school at the start of term in September 2022.
4. Pupils who, on the date of admission, will have a sibling already enrolled in the school. (For the purpose of admissions siblings are deemed to be brothers and sisters, stepbrothers and stepsisters, adopted brothers and sisters and other children who reside permanently in the household and are treated as siblings.)
5. Priority for 5 of the remaining places per class, will be given to children who are entitled to free school meals at the time of application and who have successfully applied to the Local Authority and who have received written confirmation of their child's entitlement to free school meals. This amounts to 16% of the overall intake per class, in line with the average for the town. These places will be awarded by random allocation at a meeting monitored by an independent adjudicator.



6. After places have been filled using the criteria above any remaining places will be awarded by random allocation to pupils within a 10-mile radius of the school entrance doors at a meeting monitored by an independent adjudicator.
7. Where applications are received from twins, triplets or same-year siblings, the following procedure will be followed. If one child is selected for a place the twin/triplet/same-year sibling will automatically be selected. If school places are oversubscribed the family name will be entered into the list available for random allocation rather than individual children's names because when one child is allocated a place it automatically secures a place for the other child(ren).

Other admissions (in-year or casual admissions)

Applications for vacancies that arise outside the normal annual admission round for Reception class intakes will be considered at any time during the year. Information and application forms may be obtained from the school. Where there is more than one application for a vacant place, received on the same day, the offer of a place will be determined in accordance with the listed oversubscription criteria below:

1. Children with Educational Health Care Plans in which Cramlington Village Primary School is named in the plan.
2. Looked After Children. Children who are looked after by a Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the date the relevant application for admission is made, and who the Local Authority has confirmed will continue to be looked after by it in accordance with the said section at the time they are admitted to the school.
3. Pupils with exceptional medical or exceptional social need (evidence must be supported in a written statement by a professionally involved third party, such as a doctor or a social worker). Children for whom it is essential to be admitted to this school because of special circumstances to do with significant medical or social needs evidenced by written professional advice, explaining why these needs can realistically only be met by Cramlington Village Primary School. The definition of what constitutes medical or social needs for this purpose will be set out in the school's prospectus.
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5. Pupils whose parents are regarded as ‘founding members’ and who continue to be actively involved in the leadership of the school at the start of term in September 2022.
6. Pupils who, on the date of admission, will have a sibling already enrolled in the school. (For the purpose of admissions siblings are deemed to be brothers and sisters, step-brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters and other children who reside permanently in the household and are treated as siblings.)
7. Those who are placed on the waiting list will be contacted and all those who are still interested in a place will be pooled and places will be awarded by random allocation at a meeting monitored by an independent adjudicator.
8. Where applications are received from twins, triplets or same-year siblings, the following procedure will be followed. If one child is selected for a place the twin/triplet/same-year sibling will automatically be selected. If school places are oversubscribed the family name will be entered into the list available for random allocation rather than individual children’s names because when one child is allocated a place it automatically secures a place for the other child(ren).

CVPS may refuse admission to applicants who have been permanently excluded from two or more other schools. The ability to refuse admissions runs for a period of two years since the last exclusion. Exclusions which took place before the child concerned reached compulsory school age do not count for this purpose. CVPS will consult and co-ordinate its arrangements, including the rapid re-integration of children who have been excluded from other schools and who arrive in an area after the normal admissions round, in accordance with local in-year fair access protocols for securing school places for unplaced children.

Notes

- Within each criteria above, if there are more people applying than there are places available, we will apply the oversubscription criteria with the following notes:
- We define brother or sister as follows:
 1. A brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, adopted brother or sister, or children of people who are living at the same address as a family. **(In all cases, the**



parent who receives the Child Benefit for those children must permanently live at that address with the children.)

2. We will consider brothers or sisters who live in separate households because the parents are separated and have shared responsibility for the children under conditions covering exceptional circumstances.
 3. For twins, triplets and so on admissions policy as for reception places will apply
 4. If there are other family situations where there are different carers, e.g., aunts, uncles or grandparents, each individual case will be considered.
- The allocation and acceptance of a place within our Nursery does not guarantee that a place will be offered for Reception. A separate admission application process applies to Nursery admissions as listed separately in this admissions policy. Details can be obtained from the school or the Local Authority.

More detailed definitions about these criteria e.g. sibling, distance etc, can be found in the School's admissions policy at the start of this document.



Procedure for dealing with Admissions for summer born children

Overview

Children are not legally required to attend school (or other suitable education) full-time until the first day of the school term after they turn 5.

They're entitled to a full-time place from the September following their fourth birthday.

Parents can decide to delay the date their child starts full-time education to later on in the school year. But, a child that turns 5 between:

- 1 September and 31 December must be in school from the beginning of the spring term
- 1 January and 31 March must be in school from the start of the summer term
- 1 April and 31 August (summer-born) must be in school from the start of the autumn term

This is outlined in paragraph 2.16 of the [School Admissions Code](#). This code applies to maintained schools (except maintained special schools). Academies are also required to comply with the School Admissions Code under their funding agreements.

Deferring until the next academic year

For summer-born children, if parents delay their child's start date until the following September, they'll need to apply again for a school place for that academic year.

They can either apply for their child to be placed in:

- Year 1, with their normal age group - parents will need to make an in-year application for a place
- Reception, outside their normal age group - our process for requesting admission outside of the normal age group is set out below.

This is explained on page 10 of the DfE's [guidance for parents of summer-born children](#).

Process for requesting admission outside of the normal age group



1. Parent(s) should contact / visit the school(s) that are thinking of applying for in the first instance to discuss deferred entry.
2. School(s) should discuss with the parent(s) how they could accommodate the child's needs in Reception to allay any concerns they may have about their child's readiness for school.
3. If the parent(s) still wish to defer their child's entry they must contact the School Office in the first instance. These are unusual circumstances and we would not normally expect to receive such a request. The application window for Reception places starts in the first week of November and closes on or around the 15th January. Places are usually offered (Offers Day) on or around the 16th April each year.
4. A request for admission out of the normal year group should be completed by the parent(s) and submitted to Northumberland School Admissions Team, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF or schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk along with any supporting evidence (parents should contact the admissions team for the relevant form).
5. A decision will be made by the school as the Admissions authority and parents notified.

In making their decision, the School Admissions Team must follow the considerations set out in the School Admissions Code which requires admission authorities to consider the following:

- Parent's views
- Information about the child's academic, social and emotional development
- Where relevant, the child's medical history and views of a medical professional
- If the child was born prematurely, what age group the child would have fallen into if the child had been born on time
- The view of the **Principal must** be taken into consideration.

Note that it is not necessary for a child to have medical or special educational needs in order for it to be in their interests to start Reception aged 5. There will also be circumstances in which it is better for a child with developmental delay to start school before compulsory school age so that they are in a school where they can fully access the support available to them.



Updated guidance from the DfE is expected to be published in the summer of 2020, however current guidance states that “Evidence shows that the youngest children make the fastest progress and that the majority meet the required standard.

A decision to delay a child’s admission to school will affect them for the remainder of their education. Parents should think very carefully before deciding what would be best for their child, and be open-minded to the views of the school and head teacher.

We do not anticipate that, as a general rule, children will need to delay their admission to school purely as a consequence of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Schools will be planning carefully to take the impact of the outbreak into account in their teaching and their support for children.

Where parents genuinely believe that delaying admission is right for their child, we expect admission authorities to give careful consideration to the age group in which the child’s needs can best be met, and to make sure they get the process right.

Further information on the guidance can be found using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/summer-born-children-school-admission/updated-statement-on-admission-of-summer-born-children-2020>