



Admissions Policy

It is Calderdale's policy to admit children to reception classes at the start of the academic year in which they attain the age of five, i.e. if their fifth birthday falls between 1st September of the year of admission and 31st August of the following year, both dates inclusive. This ensures that all children can have three full years of education in an infant department. Although parents are not required by law to send their children to school until the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday, it should be noted that the first two terms give a most important foundation for future education.

Places are allocated in community and voluntary controlled primary schools in the following order of priority:

1.
 - Pupils who are in receipt of a Statement of Special Educational Needs (in accordance with the Education Act 1996) and the Authority has named a particular school as necessary to meet the child's needs.
 - Children who are in public care ('Looked After' children).

Pupils who have a brother or sister (including step / half brothers and sisters) living in the same household, attending the school at the time of their admission. Parents should be aware that a sibling link cannot be claimed where a sibling in receipt of a Statement of Special Education Needs is attending a resourced unit within a mainstream primary school.

2. Other children.

If there is over subscription

1. If there is over-subscription within any category, then pupils will be admitted in the order of proximity of the pupil's home to the school. Proximity will be determined by the shortest safe walking route from the front door of the dwelling to the main entrance of the school using lit and metalled roads where these exist.
2. There are no defined priority (catchment) areas for community and voluntary controlled primary schools.
3. In voluntary controlled schools, no account is taken of church membership or affiliation.

This policy is based on the Calderdale Admissions Policy which is reviewed each year.

SIGNED: DATE:

POSITION:

DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: