



Leavening Community Primary School

ADMISSIONS POLICY

At Leavening Community Primary School the admissions policy follows that of North Yorkshire L.E.A.

In general in North Yorkshire places are provided in Primary Schools for all children of parents who "express a preference" unless to do so "would prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources" (Education Act 1996)

The Authority need not comply if : -

the school is over-subscribed (i.e. where the number of applications exceeds the number of places)

Places will be allocated as follows:

1. to pupils living within the normal area of the school who express it as their first preference
2. to pupils living within the normal area of the school whose first preference for a school elsewhere has not been met, and, where placement at an alternative school would prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources
3. to pupils considered by the authority to have exceptional social or medical grounds for admission
4. to pupils having brothers or sisters at the school in question at the beginning of the term in question
5. to pupils from outside the normal area of the school and having the nearest available walking route (this means a route along which a child, accompanied as necessary, can walk with reasonable safety to school)

These North Yorkshire criteria satisfy the tests of objectivity and clarity and effectively provide a necessary "tie-breaker".

North Yorkshire asks parents seeking first admissions for their children to primary schools, to complete a "Preference Form" no later than early in the term prior to the year in which their child becomes five.

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Sir Jim Rose completed his review of the primary curriculum in April 2009 and recommended that children should ideally start school in the September following their fourth birthday. The Secretary of State accepted that recommendation and announced that all parents should be able to choose this option. Parents will be able to choose for their child to start school on a part-time or full-time basis.

From September 2010 we have one admission date for all children following their fourth birthday: September. This is consistent with many other schools in the area and has proved to be the best option for our children's learning. However parents should be aware that;

- parents can request that the date their child is admitted to the school is deferred until later in the school year or until the child reaches compulsory school age in that school year;
- parents can request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

At Leavening Primary School we offer a creative curriculum where learning is personalised for individual children and takes place both indoors and outdoors. The learning environment in our infant classroom and outdoor learning area allows children to learn through play throughout key stage one, and is enjoyed by our very youngest children.

Admissions are governed by the Local Authority and parents have the option to appeal against their decisions.

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