

The admissions policy for Leeds community and voluntary-controlled schools for entry to Primary phase (Reception) in September 2019

The Chief Executive of Leeds City Council makes all offers of a school place for Reception places as Leeds City Council is the admissions authority for these schools. Headteachers or school-based staff are not authorised to offer a child a place for Reception for September entry. The authority to convey the offer of a place has been delegated to schools for places in other year groups and for entry to Reception outside the normal admissions round.

A list of the Community and Voluntary Controlled schools where this admission policy applies is provided in Annex A. This also includes the number of places available in each school for September 2019 entry. Children with an education, health and care plan will be admitted to the school named on their plan.

Where there are fewer applicants than places available, all applicants will be offered a place.

Where there are more applicants than places available, we will offer places to children in the following order of priority.

Priority 1

- a) Children in public care or fostered under an arrangement made by the local authority or children previously looked after by a Local Authority. (see note 2)
- b) Pupils without an EHC plan but who have Special Educational Needs, or with exceptional medical or mobility needs, that can only be met at a specific school. (See note 3)

Priority 2

Children with older brothers or sisters who will be at school at the start of the academic year and are living at the same address (see note 4). This includes priority for a sibling applying for an infant school where the older sibling is or will be attending the linked junior school. This priority will not apply where the older sibling joined the sixth form from a different school.

Priority 3

Where children attend the following infant and junior schools they will have priority for the linked infant or junior school:

Rothwell Haigh Road Infant linked to Rothwell Victoria Junior
Yeadon Westfield Infant linked to Yeadon Westfield Junior

Priority 4

We will give priority to parents who include a preference for their nearest priority school (see note 6). This does include own admitting authority schools who offer a 'nearest' priority, but excludes own admitting authority school who do not have a 'nearest' priority in their admission policy.

Priority 5

We will give priority to parents who choose a Leeds school, which is not their nearest priority school (see note 6).

Tie Break

If we have more applications which meet one of these priorities than there are places available, we will offer places first to children living nearest the school, measured in a straight line. (see note 5).

Note 1

If we cannot offer parents or carers a place for their child at any school they put on their preference form, we will offer their child a place at the closest school that has places available when we make the offer (this may include voluntary aided and foundation schools or academies where their governing bodies have given us permission to do so).

Note 2

Children will receive Priority 1a if:

- they are children currently looked after by a local authority;
- children fostered under an arrangement made by the local authority;
- those who have been adopted from local authority care,
- children who reside with a person named on a Child Arrangements Order immediately following being looked after by the local authority
- those with a Special Guardianship Order immediately following being looked after by the local authority

Note 3

Leeds City Council promotes inclusion for all children and young people across the city. In line with the Children and Families Act 2014 and the ethos that every child where possible should be able to have their needs met in local mainstream provision, it is an expectation in Leeds that all mainstream schools are able to provide for all children with low level Special Educational Needs (SEN) and also the majority of children with Complex SEN Needs. It is also an expectation that all Leeds schools provide an inclusive and nurturing environment that can meet the needs of those vulnerable children who have social, emotional and mental health needs.

All schools have a duty to provide care and support for those pupils who have a medical condition.

Children with exceptional needs who require additional support above that expected of a mainstream school. e.g. blind children who need to access Braille, Deaf children who need access to specialist teachers will usually have an Education Health and Care plan (EHCP) naming a particular school.

Leeds schools are highly inclusive and have developed provision over a number of years to ensure the inclusion and progress of children and young people with SEN and Complex Needs – very rarely is a school unable to cater for a child or young person's needs.

1b admissions priority is specifically for pupils who have a significant physical disability or complex sensory impairment - e.g. pupils with a visual, hearing, or physical difficulty or those with pragmatics difficulties/autism, who do not have an EHCP and where higher level FFI

funding is in place. It is expected that children and young people that require specific provision to meet additional and SEN needs will have professionals involved with them, these professionals ordinarily will have already alerted the Local Authority to any specific provision that a child needs.

When making an application under 1b you must be able to state the provision that is needed to meet a specific SEN need that is only available in the school of preference.

Applications in this category must be supported by a SEN SIF, available from the Admissions Team, which must include a statement in writing from a paediatrician/doctor or other relevant professional who can evidence why a particular provision is needed over another. Leeds City Council colleagues supporting the application must use the appropriate professionals form available from the Admissions team. The supporting statement must also evidence why the school of choice is the only school that can meet the particular need in question. This is necessary as the LA will be assessing if your child has a stronger case than other children.

Cases will be considered individually by a LA panel and where necessary in consultation with the school that has been preferenced.

Advice and support can be sought from the Leeds SEND Information Advice and Support Service on 0113 395 1222.

Note 4

For these purposes, brothers and sisters must be living at the same address as your child. Siblings refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, foster brother or sister. The definition does not include cousins or other family members sharing a house.

Note 5

In Leeds we use a straight-line distance system. We use a national computer system to run our school-admission system. As part of this system there is a program that measures the 'straight-line' distance from the centre of the main school building to your home address. The point we measure to at your home address is determined by the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG). This information provides us with coordinates for every dwelling. If we are not able to match your address with the LLPG then we will use the centre of your dwelling.

In the unlikely event there are insufficient places for two (or more) pupils living in the same building (e.g. flats) or otherwise equidistant from the school, then any final place will be allocated by the drawing of lots.

Note 6

If you live in Leeds

If you live in Leeds and your closest school is a school in another local authority, then your closest Leeds school by straight-line distance will be your nearest priority school. You can apply for any school but the nearest priority only applies to Leeds schools. It includes all community and voluntary controlled schools, as well as Foundation Schools and Academies which have chosen to include a priority for nearest.

If you don't live in Leeds

If you live in another local authority and the closest school to your home in a straight line is a Leeds community, voluntary-controlled or foundation school, or academy we will give you the relevant priority under our admissions policy.

If you live in another local authority and the closest school to your home, by straight line, is a school not in Leeds you are still able to apply for a Leeds School but priority 4 will not apply.

Nearest Priority School

When we say the 'nearest priority' school, we do not include all schools because some apply their own admissions policies and, if they are oversubscribed, they mainly offer places based on different priorities such as the religion practised by the child and family. Your nearest priority school is identified on the basis of straight lines drawn between schools which include a nearest priority in their policy.

Address

For admission purposes, the home address is where the child usually lives with their parent or carer. You must not give the address of a childminder or relative. We will investigate any queries about addresses and, depending on what we find; we may change the school we offer your child. When we make an offer, we assume your address will be the same in the following September as we have on record. If you plan to move house, you must still give your current address. If you move house after the deadline of 15 January 2019 for Primary and Junior places, you must tell us your new address as we may have to offer your child a place at another school.

If it is found that a false address has been given with the aim of fraudulently securing a school place, that place may be withdrawn, even if the child has already started at the school.

Late Applications

If you return the preference form after the deadline we cannot guarantee to consider your preferences at the same time as those received on time. Any primary applications returned after 24 February 2019 will only be dealt with once all other preferences have been considered, unless there are significant and exceptional reasons. Late applications received at that point will be considered before placements are made (where no preference could be met)

Accepting Offers

Parents will be asked to accept the offer of a school place. This will not affect their position on any waiting list for a higher preference, or their right to appeal. Parents who do not wish to accept the offer, or do not accept the offer within a reasonable time, may have the place withdrawn.

Waiting List

After offers have been made on 16 April 2019, parents can ask to go on the waiting list for any school. Waiting lists will also be held for each year group for applications outside of the admissions round. All waiting lists will be held in criteria order of the admission policy and will close at the end of the academic year (July 2019). All waiting lists will be ranked when new applicants have been added ahead of any allocations being made.

Nursery

A place in a nursery does not guarantee a place in the school. Parents must apply for a place if they want their child to transfer to the reception class.

Temporary School Site

If a school has to move to a temporary site for any reason, such as the building being damaged by a fire, we will base our distance measurements on the school's permanent site.

Starting Reception Age

We normally only allow children to start primary school in the appropriate age range. You must ensure your child receives an appropriate full time education from the term following their fifth birthday. Almost all children start school in Leeds in the September following their fourth birthday. However, parents can request that the start date for their child is deferred until later in the school year in the case of children who have not reached their 5th birthday. You can also request that your child attends part-time until he/she reaches compulsory school age. If you want a later start date within the academic year you should discuss this with the school. If your child is born in the summer term and you wish to defer entry until the next academic year but remain within the same chronological year group you will need to apply for a place in year 1.

Deferment for summer born children

Parents of children born between 1 April and 31 August 2015 who wish to defer entry into reception until September 2020 should still apply in the normal admission round for 2019, and indicate this on their preference form, and attach any evidence of the need for deferment from any associated professionals. The parent will be invited to a panel including early years education experts and headteachers where their individual case will be considered. This will ensure the opportunity to reflect on the long term impact of that decision, and balance this against the child's current needs.

Applications outside the normal admission round

All applications outside the normal admission round should be made using an in year application form. The form should be returned directly to your preferred school. If the school is full you will be offered a right of appeal.

The sibling priority will apply to younger and older siblings where families move during the school year.

Where no house move has taken place you will be offered a place to start at the beginning of the next term, unless no other accessible school place is available to you

You can contact the Admissions Team to find out about vacancies in schools.

Annex A – Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools where the Leeds City Council Admissions Policy applies

School name	Status	Number of places available for Reception 2019
Aberford CofE Primary School	VC	14
Adel Primary	Community	30
Allerton CofE Primary School	VC	60
Alwoodley Primary School	Community	60
Armley Primary School	Community	30
Ashfield Primary School	Community	30
Asquith Primary School	Community	60
Bankside Primary School	Community	90
Barwick-In-Elmet C of E Primary	VC	30
Beecroft Primary	Community	45
Birchfield Primary	Community	30
Blackgates Primary	Community	60
Bracken Edge Primary	Community	60
Bramham Primary	Community	30
Bramhope Primary	Community	40
Bramley Primary	Community	60
Broadgate Primary	Community	60
Burley St Matthias' C of E Primary	VC	30
Calverley Parkside Primary	Community	30
Carlton Primary	Community	45
Carr Manor Primary	Community	60
Carr Manor thorough school	Community	60
Castleton Primary	Community	60
Chapel Allerton Primary	Community	60
Christ Church Upper Armley C of E Primary	VC	30
Churwell Primary	Community	60
Cobden Primary	Community	30
Crossley Street Primary	Community	30
Drighlington Primary	Community	60
Farsley Farfield Primary	Community	60
Farsley Springbank Primary	Community	60
Farsley Westroyd Primary	Community	30
Fieldhead Carr Primary	Community	60
Five lanes Primary	Community	60
Fountain Primary	Community	60
Gildersome Primary	Community	60
Gledhow Primary	Community	90
Great Preston C of E Primary School	VC	30

Greenhill Primary	Community	60
Greenmount Primary	Community	60
Greenside Primary	Community	60
Grimes Dyke Primary	Community	30
Harehills Primary	Community	90
Harewood C of E Primary	VC	15
Hawksworth Wood Primary	Community	60
Highfield Primary	Community	60
Hollybush Primary	Community	90
Horsforth Featherbank Primary	Community	30
Horsforth Newlaithes Primary	Community	60
Hovingham Primary School	Community	90
Hunslet Carr Primary	Community	60
Hunslet Moor Primary	Community	60
Ingram Road Primary School	Community	45
Ker Mackie Primary School	Community	60
Kirkstall Valley Primary	Community	30
Lawns Park Primary	Community	30
Low Road Primary	Community	30
Lower Wortley Primary	Community	45
Manston Primary	Community	30
Methley Primary	Community	60
Micklefield C of E Primary	VC	20
Middleton St Mary's C of E Primary	VC	60
Mill Field Primary	Community	60
Moor Allerton Hall Primary	Community	60
Moortown Primary	Community	30
Morley Victoria Primary	Community	60
New Beverley Community	Community	60
Otley All Saints Primary	VC	30
Otley The Whartons Primary	Community	30
Otley Westgate Primary	Community	30
Oulton Primary	Community	60
Park Spring Primary	Community	60
Parklands Primary	Community	45
Pool-In-Wharfedale C of E Primary	VC	30
Pudsey Bolton Royd Primary	Community	60
Pudsey Lowtown Primary	Community	30
Pudsey Primrose Hill Primary	Community	60
Pudsey Tyersal Primary	Community	30
Pudsey Waterloo Primary	Community	60
Rawdon St Peter's C of E Primary	VC	45

Raynville Primary	Community	60
Robin Hood Primary	Community	60
Rothwell Haigh Road Infant	Community	45
Rothwell Primary	Community	45
Roundhay through school	Community	60
Scholes (Elmet) Primary	Community	45
Seacroft Grange Primary	Community	30
Seven Hills Primary	Community	60
Shadwell Primary	Community	30
Shakespeare Primary	Community	90
Sharp Lane Primary	Community	90
Shire Oak C of E Primary	VC	30
Spring Bank Primary	Community	30
St Bartholomew's C of E Primary	VC	75
St James' C of E Primary	VC	20
St Margaret's C of E Primary	VC	60
St Mary's CE Primary	VC	20
Stanningley Primary	Community	30
Summerfield Primary	Community	30
Swarcliffe Primary	Community	45
Swinnow Primary	Community	30
Talbot Primary	Community	60
Thorner C of E Primary	VC	30
Thorpe Primary	Community	30
Valley View Community Primary	Community	60
West End Primary	Community	30
Westbrook Lane Primary	Community	30
Weetwood Primary	Community	30
Westerton Primary	Community	90
Whingate Primary	Community	60
Whitecote Primary	Community	60
Wigton Moor Primary	Community	60
Windmill Primary	Community	60
Woodlesford Primary	Community	60
Wykebeck Primary	Community	60