



Ashton Church of England Primary School

Admissions Policy

“Each Valued. Each Talented. Each Unique.”

Introduction

Northamptonshire County Council applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend our school. This policy conforms to the regulations that are set out in the School Standards and Framework Act 2000.

Aims and Objectives

We are an inclusive school that welcomes children from all backgrounds and abilities. All applications will be treated on merit and in a sensitive manner. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available, we enforce the procedure set out below in order to determine whether the child is accepted or not. It is our wish to allow parents the right to have a place at our school. The level of ability of a child or any special needs that s/he may have plays no part in the admissions policy.

Admission Procedure

Admissions are made via West Northamptonshire Council. Applications can be made online by accessing the link below:

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions>

If the school is over- subscribed the following criteria applies:

Children with an Education, Health Care Plan for whom the preferred school is named in the document will be admitted first.

When there are more applications for places than there are places available, priority will be given in the following order:

1. Children in public care or previously in public care but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
2. Pupils who live in the linked area (in our case this is the village of Ashton).
3. Pupils with an older brother or sister continuing at the school at the time of admission of the younger child.

4. Other pupils.

Tiebreaker

If the admission number is exceeded within any criterion, priority will be given to those who live closest to the school. Please note, however, that due to the makeup of our classes and school, the PAN may sometimes be exceeded.

Admission appeals

If parents wish to appeal against a decision made by the school, they can do so by applying to West Northamptonshire Council. If the school is over-subscribed parents are offered the opportunity of having their child's name placed on a waiting list. The waiting list is ordered according to the oversubscription criteria.

In Year Admissions

Applications for a place after the start of the academic year, or for any other year group are administered through Northamptonshire County Council. Parents should in the first instance contact the school office.

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/move-school-during-school-year-year>

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