

# Drayton Green Primary School



## Admissions Policy

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## 1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Explain how to apply for a place at the school
- Set out the school's arrangements for allocating places to the pupils who apply
- Explain how to appeal against a decision not to offer your child a place

## 2. Legislation and statutory requirements

This policy is based on the following advice from the Department for Education (DfE):

- [School Admissions Code 2021](#)
- [School Admission Appeals Code](#)

## 3. Definitions

The **normal admissions round** is the period during which parents can apply for state-funded school places at the school's normal point of entry, using the common application form provided by Ealing local authority.

**Looked-after children**, as defined in section 22 of the Children Act 1989, are children who, at the time of making an application to a school, are:

- In the care of a local authority, or
- Being provided with accommodation by a local authority in exercise of its social services functions

**Previously looked-after children** are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they:

- Were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 or the Adoption and Children Act 2002, or
- Became subject to a child arrangements order (defined in section 8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014), or
- Became subject to a special guardianship order (defined in section 14A of the Children Act 1989)

This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and have ceased to be in state care due to being adopted.

A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

A child reaches **compulsory school age** on the prescribed day following his or her fifth birthday (or on his or her fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 December, 31 March and 31 August.

A **parent** is any individual who holds parental responsibility, as defined under the Children Act 1989, or any person who has care of a child, where the child lives with them either full or part time and they look after that child.

## 4. How to apply

For applications in the normal admissions round you should use the application form provided by Ealing local authority (regardless of which local authority the schools are in).

You will receive an offer for a school place directly from your local authority.

Please note, pupils already attending our nursery will not transfer automatically into the main school. A separate application with Ealing must be made for a place in reception.

## 5. Requests for admission outside the normal age group

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. A written request must be made to the Head of Admissions at the time of application providing all of the reasons for the request with supporting evidence i.e. school reports, medical reports, professional recommendations or any other documents to be taken into consideration.

The local authority must make decisions on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely.

They must also consider the views of the head of the school concerned. If the local authority agrees to a parent's request for their child to be admitted out of their normal age group the application will be considered alongside all other applications in the requested year group. There would be no guarantee that a place would be offered in the preferred school.

Parents who are refused a place at a school for which they have applied have the right of appeal to an independent admission appeal panel. They do not have a right of appeal if they have been offered a place and it is not in the year group they would like. However, if the parents are dissatisfied with the outcome of the request for delayed entry into reception or admission outside of their child's normal age group they would have the right to complain against the decision through the Council's complaints procedure for decisions made by council officers.

## 6. Allocation of places

### 6.1 Published admission number (PAN)

The school has a published admission number of 60 pupils for entry in Reception to Year 6

### 6.3 Oversubscription criteria

All children whose education, health and care (EHC) plan names the school will be admitted before any other places are allocated.

If the school is not oversubscribed, all applicants will be offered a place.

In the event that the school receives more applications than the number of places it has available, places will be given to those children who meet any of the criteria set out below, in order, until all places are filled.

Children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school will be allocated a place at the school.

If there are more applicants than there are places available after the admission of students with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school, the following criteria will be applied to determine who will be offered a place:

1. Children who are looked after or were previously looked after Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order. Including children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (See below for definitions of children who are looked after or were previously looked after).
2. Siblings Children with a brother or sister who will be attending the main school (not the nursery class) at the time of admission (see below for definition of sibling).
3. Distance from home to school Places are allocated to applicants who live closest to the school measured by straight-line

## **6.4 Tie break**

If more applications are received in any one criterion than there are places available the tie breaker of distance will be used to determine priority. In cases where applicants live equidistant from the preferred school the place(s) will be allocated using random allocation.

## **6.5 Waiting list**

Children will automatically be placed on the waiting list for higher preferences than the school offered, lower preferences are automatically withdrawn. When vacancies arise, places will be allocated according to the oversubscription criteria. Vacancies will be offered to the pupil with the highest priority on the waiting list. The position of a pupil on the waiting list changes frequently and can move down as well as up if other pupils having higher priority have their names added to the waiting list. Length of time on a waiting list does not give any priority.

The community schools in Ealing will hold waiting lists for all year groups for one term, after which the waiting list will cease. If parents wish for their child to continue on the waiting list they will need to advise the admissions team before the start of the following term.

## **6.6 Children of UK service personnel and crown servants**

Families of service personnel with a confirmed posting to the area, or crown servants returning from overseas to live in the local authority are allocated a place in advance of the family arriving in the area provided that the application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date to the area and/or a unit postal address or quartering area address.

## **7. In-year admissions**

Parents can apply for a place for their child at any time outside the normal admissions round. As is the case in the normal admissions round, all children whose EHC plans name the school will be admitted.

Likewise, if there are spaces available in the year group you are applying for, your child will be offered a place.

If there are no spaces available at the time of your application, your child's name will be added to the waiting list for the relevant year group. When a space becomes available, it will be filled by 1 of the pupils on the

waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria listed in section 6.3 of this policy. Priority will not be given to children on the basis that they have been on the waiting list the longest.

Applications for in-year admissions should be made to Ealing Council in-year admissions:

[https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201116/in-year\\_admissions/2052/apply\\_for\\_an\\_in-year\\_primary\\_school\\_place](https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201116/in-year_admissions/2052/apply_for_an_in-year_primary_school_place)

## **9. Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed by the Governing Body annually.

Whenever changes to admission arrangements are proposed (except where the change is an increase to the agreed admission number), the governing board will publicly consult on these changes. If nothing changes, it will publicly consult on the school's admission arrangements at least once every 7 years.