



## **Admission policy for Broadway East First School for the Academic Year 2019/20**

The Governing Body is the Admissions Authority for Broadway East First School and is responsible for determining the school's admissions policy.

The number of places available in the Reception class 2019/20 is 45.

### **How and when to apply for places**

All applications for school places must be made on Newcastle City Council's school application form and returned to Newcastle City Council.

Applications for Reception places for September 2019 must be submitted **by midday on 15 January 2019**. Applications for school places in other year groups or after the start of the school year can be submitted at any time.

### **Late applications**

Applications received after the closing date for admission into Reception will be classed as late and processed after all of the applications received on time.

### **Admission of children Outside Their Normal Year Group**

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside of their expected age group if they feel that their child is not ready to start school with their peers, for example because the child has suffered ill health or is summer born (between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015). Requests must be submitted in writing to the LA and include any supporting evidence from relevant professionals.

Requests must be submitted before the closing date for Reception application in the child's normal age group. In other words, for children due to start school in September 2019 where the parent wishes to delay admission until September 2020, parents must submit their requests well before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The LA will consider each case individually.

### **Special Educational Needs**

Children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school will be admitted to the school.

### **How places will be allocated**

If there are enough places at the school then every applicant will be offered a place. If more applications are received than the number of places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be used in the order shown to decide which children will be allocated places.

1. Children who are currently looked after by a local authority (in care) and children who were previously looked after by a local authority and immediately afterwards became subject to an

- adoption, residence (child arrangements) order or special guardianship order. Evidence of the appropriate order must be submitted before the closing date for applications.
2. Children with an older brother or sister (a sibling) who will be attending the school on the date that the younger child will be admitted in September 2019. Sibling can be a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent or carer's partner, as long as the children live at the same address.
  3. Children with an exceptional medical reason that means they can only attend that specific school (for example, where the child or one or both parents has a disability that means that the child can only go to one school). Strong supporting evidence must be provided from a healthcare professional involved with the child. The professional must be independent of both the family and the school. The evidence must relate specifically to the school for which the application is being made and must clearly demonstrate why it is the only school that can meet the child's needs.
  4. Children living nearest to the school as measured in a straight line distance from a single fixed central point at the school to a point in the centre of the home address of the child, using the Local Land and Property Gazetteer and British National Grid Easting and Northing co-ordinates.

**Parents/carers should note that the allocation of Reception places does not take into account attendance at any specific nursery class or school.**

#### **Additional notes**

- Where there are places available for some but not all applicants within a particular criterion, distance from home to school will be the deciding factor. Priority will be given to children living nearest to the school as measured in a straight line distance from a single fixed central point at the school to a point in the centre of the home address of the child using the local land and property Gazetteer and British National Grid Easting and Northing coordinates.
- In the event that more than one child has an equal right to an available place the place will be offered based on random allocation.
- Parents/carers have two weeks to respond to an offer of a school place. If an acceptance is not received it may be assumed that a place is no longer required and the offer may be withdrawn.
- Parents who share responsibility for the care of their child are expected to reach agreement to a school placement between them. In the event of a dispute the school will accept the application from the parent to whom the child benefit is paid.
- When stating your choice of school, you must give the child's permanent address at the time of application. The address of childminders or other family members who may share in the care of your child must not be quoted as the home address.
- If the child lives part of the week between two parents, the child's address should be the address where the child lives (1) during the school week, or (2) with the parent who receives child benefit or where the child is registered with a GP, if there is any dispute.

#### **Waiting lists**

For applications for Reception places, waiting lists are kept until the end of December 2019 and will then be cleared. Waiting lists will be ranked using the oversubscription criteria regardless of the date the application was received.

From January, and then on a termly basis, waiting lists will be cleared at the end of each term and parents will need to reapply each term if they still want their child to be considered for a place at the school.

#### **In-Year Applications**

If you apply for a place in our school in any other year group and a place is not immediately available, your child will automatically be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list will be ranked strictly according

to the over subscription criteria above regardless of the date the application was received. Waiting lists are cleared at the end of each term. To remain on the waiting list you will need to reapply for a place every term using the Local Authority In Years Admissions Application Form.

### **Right of appeal**

Parents/carers who are refused a place for their child have a statutory right of appeal to an independent appeals panel. Please contact the School Appeals Team for information (phone 0191 277 7427 or email [schoolappeals@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:schoolappeals@newcastle.gov.uk)). Information is also available at [www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions)

### **Definitions**

- A **Looked After Child** is a child who is in the care of a local authority in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the time the application for admission to school is made and whom the local authority has confirmed will still be looked after at the date of admission.
- An **Adoption Order** is an order made under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002.
- A **Child Arrangements Order** (previously known as a **Residence Order**) is an order outlining the arrangements as to the person with whom the child will live.
- A **Special Guardianship Order** is an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian or guardians.