



Carr Mill Primary School Admission Arrangements



As a voluntary controlled school, all of our admission arrangements are made according to St Helens' admission policy. A copy of the policy and the admissions form can be obtained by clicking on the link to the local authority website where you can apply on line. Alternatively, a copy can also be obtained through the school office. <http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/admissions>

Applying for a reception place 2020/2021	<p>Applications for primary school places during the normal admissions round are processed in accordance with St Helens co-ordinated admissions scheme for maintained primary schools and academies.</p> <p><u>Admission Age</u></p> <p>Children become of statutory school age at the beginning of the first term after they reach the age of five. The School Admissions Code states that admission authorities must provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday. Places must be offered on a full time basis but where parents wish, children may attend part-time until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age.</p> <p>More information can be found by clicking on https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools-education/school-admissions/admission-arrangements</p>
Applying for a reception place 2021/2022	<p>St Helens Council is currently consulting on its proposed Pupil Admission Arrangements for 2021-22 for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools. These arrangements include the number of places available at each school and the priorities that will be used to decide which pupils are offered places when there are too many applications. More information can be found by clicking https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools-education/school-admissions/admission-arrangements</p>
In year transfers	<p>Applications for children transferring school, other than at the normal point of entry, are processed in accordance with the agreed In Year Transfers. More information can be found by clicking https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools-education/school-admissions/transferring-schools</p> <p>The Local authority only deal with in-year transfer applications for all schools in the St Helens borough. If you wish to transfer your child to a school outside St Helens, you should contact the local authority in which the school is situated.</p>

Over subscription arrangements

Further details can be found by clicking on the policy at <https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools-education/school-admissions/admission-arrangements>

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, applications will be considered against the oversubscription criteria set out below. After the admission of pupils with Statements of Special Educational Needs or EHC Plans, where the school is named on the Statement/Plan, the criteria will be applied in the following order:

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but then became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order.¹ This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted;

2. children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of likely admission. This includes full, half or stepbrothers and sisters, adopted and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit;

3. other children.

A looked after child is a child who is in the care of a local authority in England, or is being provided with accommodation by a local authority in England in the exercise of their social services functions.

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

Tie Break

In the event of any over-subscription in the number of applications made under any of the categories above the Local Authority will offer places first to children whose family home is nearest the school. The measurement shall be done by the Local Authority in a straight line using a Geographical Information System (GIS) based on Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) data and the National Grid co-ordinates for the family home and the school.

Where the tie-break does not distinguish between applicants, e.g. children living in the same block of flats, random allocation will be used. This will be done by drawing lots and supervised by someone independent of the school.

Special Conditions for Twins (etc.)

Where the final place in a year group is offered to one of twins or triplets etc., the Local Authority will not apply the tie-break as it will admit the other twin etc. too, even if that means going above the admission number for the school concerned.