Orton Wistow Primary School

Admission Arrangements 2020/21

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Date Agreed: 
Headteacher: 
Chair of Governors:
In accordance with the Education Act 2002 and the requirements of the School Admissions Code, the Governors of Orton Wistow Primary School are required to consult, determine and notify their admission arrangements for the school for September 2020.

**DETERMINATION OF ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020**

As its own admissions authority, the School gives priority to children whose parents have applied for a school place by the published deadline. The School does not always have enough places available for every child whose parents have applied for a place. In this case the School will use an order of priority for admissions to the school.

**Admission Criteria 2020/21**

The school mainly serves the areas of Orton Wistow, Alwalton, Chesterton, Cherryfields and all roads in Orton Northgate that lead on to the Oundle Road. A plan of the catchment area is available in the school.

Children will be admitted to the school in the September of the academic year in which they reach their fifth birthday.

**The admission limit for September 2020 is 60 pupils.**

The school will admit children with a statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education Health and Care Plan which names this school. This will be in addition to any specific arrangements to specialist provision.

The order of priority for all other children is as follows:

1. A child who was previously looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, care arrangements or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

2. Children who are both living in the catchment area* served by the school and have siblings** of compulsory school age still attending the school at the time of their admission.

3. Other children living in the catchment area* at the time of admission.

4. Children of members of staff, provided that they have been employed for a minimum of two years and/or are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage.

5. Children who do not live in the catchment area* served by the school, but who have siblings** of compulsory school age attending the school (or are attending an infant or junior school on the same site) at the time of their admission.

6. Other children whose parents have requested a place who live outside the catchment area* of the school.
An alphabetical list of streets and their school catchment areas is available on the Peterborough City Council website

For the purposes of admissions, the ‘Department For Education’ definition of sibling is as follows:

‘Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer’s partner, and in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address.’

Every effort will be made to ensure that brothers or sisters (as defined above) and those from multiple births can attend the same primary school, understanding that the Local Authority must comply with The School Admissions (Infant Class Sizes) (England) Regulations 2012.

In cases of equal merit, priority will be given to the child living nearest the school as measured by a straight line. Distance is measured using the Council’s Geographic Information System (GIS) from the Ordnance Survey (OS) seed point located at the child’s home address to the OS seed point (or a specifically defined point) for the school, using a straight line. (The seed point is taken from the Ordnance Survey’s (OS) Address Point® dataset. It is used to locate individual residential and school addresses using grid references.)

It may be necessary to use other OS maps or on-line resources for any home address outside of the Peterborough Local Authority area not covered by the Council’s GIS system. In the case of flats, the priority is that of floor level i.e. Ground, first, second etc. in that order.

In cases of exactly the same measurement where no differentiation can be established, a lottery will be used to decide the allocation of the place.

For late applications, the Local Authority will allocate places in the same order of priority. In cases of equal merit, priority will be given to the child living nearest the school as measured by a straight line as above.

We will follow the Peterborough City Council’s co-ordinated scheme with regard to the closing date for the receipt of the admission form and the issuing of an offer letter.

Unsuccessful applicants have the right to appeal and should ask the school to provide a copy of the appeal procedure.

Mary Foreman
Chair of Governors