



# REEDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## ADMISSIONS POLICY

### **Introduction**

The governing body of Reedley Primary School applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend this school. The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 introduced a new framework for school admissions as of September 2000. This policy conforms to the regulations that are set out in that Act and also further explained in the statutory School Admissions Code of Practice and the statutory Appeals Code of Practice.

### **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 by the LA.

The only restriction they place on entry is that of number. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available, they enforce the procedure set out below in order to determine whether a child is accepted or not. It is our wish to allow parents the right to have a place at the school of their choice. However, this is not always possible, due to the excess demand on the school places available.

The level of ability of a child plays no part in the admissions policy of this school. Exceptional medical/social/welfare reasons directly relevant to school is the second criteria and siblings in attendance at school is third.

### **How parents can apply for their child to be admitted to our school**

The school determines the admission arrangements in agreement with the Local Authority (LA). The LA is therefore the 'Admission Authority' for our school. The regulations for entry to each school, where the Admissions Authority is the LA, are published each year by the LA. Parents can receive a copy of these regulations directly from the LA.

The LA publishes a composite admissions prospectus each year, which gives information about how parents can apply for a place in the school of their choice. Parents have a right to express a preference for the school of their choice and they should do so on the application form. Expressing a preference does not, in itself, guarantee a place at this school. Application forms can be obtained from the School Office or Education Department of the LA at The Globe Centre, St. James Square, Accrington BB5 0RE and should be completed by the date stipulated on the forms. The LA notifies parents about the school place as soon as all the applications have been considered. In this area, children enter school in the academic year they become five. There is one admissions date per year, in September (i.e. at the start of the school year). Therefore, parents who would like their child to be admitted to this school

during the year that their child is five should ensure that they complete the necessary application form either on-line or in paper form by the end of October, the year before.

### **Admission appeals**

If the LA do not offer a child a place at this school, it is because to do so would prejudice the education of other children by allowing the numbers of children in the school to increase too much.

If parents wish to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying to the LA. An independent appeals panel then meets to consider all appeals by parents who have been refused a place at our school and who wish to appeal against this decision. An appeals panel's decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decides that we should admit a child to our school, then we will accept this and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all the children at our school. (Details of appeal arrangements are set out in the Code of Practice on School Admissions Appeals, which came into force in September 1999).

### **The standard number**

The standard number is the number of children the school can accommodate. The standard number for our school is 60. We keep this number under review and the governors will apply to change the number in circumstances allow.

### **Infant class size**

We teach Key Stage One children (aged five to seven) in classes that have a maximum number of 30 children.

### **Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually with the Admissions Authority in the light of any changed circumstances in our school or the local area.

### **Admissions for Older Children**

If children wish to attend Reedley School other than for the Reception Class, then parents need to contact the headteacher. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, children can be admitted to school at the start of a new term, (September, January and April). Places will be offered if there are spaces available. Before contacting the headteacher, parents are advised to discuss the desire to move schools with their current headteacher.

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Governor Ratification:

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