

Admission Criteria

All children are required by law to start school no later than the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday.

At present Calderdale LA operates a single entry admission date. i.e. children reaching their fifth birthday between 1st September and 31st August will start school in the September at the start of that academic year.

Cornholme School also operates a part time Nursery (26 places for morning and afternoon) Funding offers 5 sessions free of charge and where spaces allow, additional sessions may be booked.

From Reception to Y6, class limits are set at 30 pupils. In the event of this limit being reached parents will need to follow Calderdale's appeals procedures. Pupils will be added to a 'reserve' list during this time.

Priority for Admissions

As a Calderdale maintained school, Reception class places are allocated by the Council. Attending the school Nursery DOES NOT guarantee a place in Reception.

For a community or voluntary controlled school the order of priority for admission is:-

1st Priority Category:

- a). Pupils who are in receipt of a Statement of Special Educational Needs (in accordance with the 1996 Education Act) where the Authority has named a particular school as necessary to meet the pupil's needs.
- b). Pupils who are in public care (Looked After Children)

2nd Priority Category:

Pupils who have a brother or sister (or step-brother or step-sister living in the same household) attending the school at the time of admission.

Parents should be aware that a sibling link cannot be claimed, where a sibling in receipt of a Statement of Special Educational Needs is attending in a resourced unit within a mainstream primary school.

3rd Priority Category:

Proximity of the child's home to school, measured by the shortest walking route, wherever possible on lit and metalled roads. Measurements will be made from the centre point of the dwelling to the main entrance of the school.

Places are reserved for children recommended for admission by the Area Medical Officer, the Group Director of Schools and Children's Services or the Health and Social Care Directorate. If these places are not fully allocated in September, they

will be retained until autumn half term break after which date they may be filled in accordance with admissions criteria.

NB: Where a pupil lives with parents with shared responsibility each part of a week, parents must state which is the predominant address together with details. Over subscription criteria will be considered on the basis of the predominant address and parental preference.

Admissions to Nursery Classes

The law does not require the Local Authority to provide nursery education. Parents therefore, have the discretion whether to send their children to nursery classes in Calderdale.

The admission arrangements to Nursery units are similar to those applying to Primary Schools excepting the parental right of appeal:-

At present, the policy of the school, following guidelines from Calderdale, is to accept pupils into Nursery the term after their 3rd birthday. (With a slight variation to account for the changing Easter dates).

So if your child's birthday is

1 st Sept-31 st Dec	=	Spring term start
1 st Jan-31 st March	=	Summer term start
1 st April- 31 st August	=	Autumn term start

There is no advantage given to any parents on the grounds that they made an application to a particular school at an earlier date than other parents i.e. a waiting list is for recording purposes only, it is not an admissions criteria.

Nursery classes do not have defined priority zones, although consideration will be given to the length of journey to the nearest school.

Places will be offered on a part-time basis up to 15 hrs per week.

Parents are requested to note:

Children cannot have places in more than one LA school nursery class at the same time. Once a child is admitted to a nursery class, a place cannot be accepted in another nursery, unless the child moves house, or forfeits the original place.

As Nursery provision is not available at every school, admission to a Nursery class of a particular school **DOES NOT GUARANTEE** admission to a Reception class of that school. Parents will be expected to sign a brief statement to say that they understand this when a child is admitted to a Nursery Class.

Priority for Admissions to Nursery (Under Priority Places Scheme)

1st Priority Criteria (initially 3 places in a 26 place class and 6 in a 52 place class)

- (i). Pupils who are in receipt of a statement (in accordance with the Education Act 1993) where the Authority has named a particular unit as necessary to meet the pupil's needs
- (ii). Consideration will also be given to children recommended for admission by the Area Medical Officer, or the Group Director of Schools and Children's Services or the Group Director of Health and Social Care according to the following priority criteria:-
 - Children with physical and/or learning disabilities.
 - Children on the Child Protection Register or children suspected of being at risk of non-accidental injury or to prevent family breakdown.