



# REINWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Admissions Policy

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### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1** The governing body of Reinwood Junior School applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend this school.

Under The School Admissions (admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2008, Kirklees Council, being the admission authority for all community and voluntary controlled schools in its area, has determined the admission arrangements for the school year for admission into the first year at school.

### **2 Aims and objectives**

- 2.1** We are an inclusive school that welcomes children from all backgrounds and abilities.
- 2.2** All applications will be treated on merit and in a sensitive manner.
- 2.3** The only restriction we place on entry is that of number. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available, we 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.
- 2.4** The level of ability of a child or any special needs that s/he may have plays no part in the admissions policy of this school.

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

- 3.1** As our school is a community school, the school determines the admission arrangements in agreement with the Local Authority (LA). The LA is therefore the 'Admissions 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.
- 3.2** 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 Education Department of the LA and should be completed by the date stipulated on the forms. The school notifies parents about the school place as soon as all the applications have been considered.

**3.3** In this area, children are admitted in the following priority order:

1. Children with a EHCP, which names the school.
2. Children who live in the school's priority admission area.
3. Children who live outside the priority admission area who have an older brother or sister attending at the time of admission, or a younger brother or sister attending Reinwood Infant School.
4. Children who live outside the priority admission area.

## **4 Admission appeals**

**4.1** If we 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.

**4.2** 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 School Admissions Appeal, code 2012.)

## **5 The standard number**

**5.1** The standard number is the number of children the school can accommodate. The standard number for our school is **90**, apart from Year 3 where it is 120. We keep this number under review and the governors will apply to change the number if circumstances allow.

## **6 Junior class size**

**6.1** There is no maximum class size at present for junior children but most classes average 30-31.

## **7 Review**

**7.1** This policy will be reviewed annually.

### Equal Opportunities

Kirklees LA requires all its schools, colleges and services to promote racial and sexual equality, harmony, understanding and justice. We promote tolerance of and respect for people of all faiths (or those of no faith), races, genders, ages, disability and sexual orientations (and other groups with protected characteristics) through the effective spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, including through the extent to which schools engage their pupils, including through the extent to which schools engage their pupils in extra-curricular activity and volunteering within their local community.

The staff and pupils at Reinwood Junior School uphold this requirement and act accordingly.

Version History

**Signed:**

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