

Peterborough Diocese Education Trust

Barby Church of England Primary School



Admissions Policy 2019

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Barby CE Primary School
Admission Policy for academic year September 2019-20

Northamptonshire County Council (the local authority) co-ordinates applications for places in this School.

In order to submit an application, please refer to the local authority's website – www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions

Barby CE Primary School is an Academy within the Peterborough Diocese Education Trust. The Academy Trust is the admission authority and has responsibility for setting the Admission Policy. The policy is administered by the Local Governing Body (LGB).

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for the Reception year of entry is 30.

The Local Governing Body will admit all pupils with a statement of special educational needs or education health care plan which names the school.

Oversubscription criteria:

When there are more applications than there are places available, the governors will admit pupils according to the following criteria which are listed in order of priority:

1. A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child 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 live in Barby and Onley.
3. Children with an older brother or sister continuing at the school at the time of admission of the younger child.
4. Children, one of whose parents attended Barby C.E. Primary School or who lived in Barby or Onley for at least five years since 2001. (Documentary evidence will be required to confirm that this criterion is met)
5. Other children.

Tie Breaker

If the admission number is exceeded, priority will be given to those who live closest to the school.

Distances are measured on a straight line basis from the address point of the child's home to the address point of the School, using a geographical information system. Each address has a unique address point established by the most valuable elements from the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NPLG), Ordnance Survey Master Map, Royal Mail Postal Address File and The Valuation Office Agency. The address point for a property does not change.

Definition of child's home address/residence

The child's home address means the permanent residence of the child at the time of application. Parents/carers may be asked to provide proof of a claim of residence at any time during the admission process.

The address must be the child's only or main residence that is either:

- ❖ Owned by the child's parent(s) or carer(s);
- ❖ Leased to or rented by the child's parent(s) or carer(s) under a lease or written rental agreement of not less than 6 months duration. The property leased must be where the family lives.

Please note – if false or misleading information is used to try and gain a place, this may lead the LGB to reject the application or to withdraw the offer of a place.

Definition of Sibling

A brother or sister living at the same address as the applicant (i.e. within a family unit) including:

- a brother or sister sharing the same parents;
- a half brother or half sister where two children share one common parent;
- a step brother or step sister, where two children are related by a parents' marriage/civil partnership;
- A child who has been adopted or is fostered by parents/carers who have other children.

Separated parents

If a child lives with separated parents, the home address will be treated as the place where the child sleeps for most of the school week (i.e. Sunday night – Thursday night inclusive). If the child spends an equal amount of time at 2 addresses, the parents must decide which address they wish to use as the child's main address for the application. Please note – if false or misleading information is used to try and gain a school place, this may lead LGBs to reject the application or to withdraw the offer of a place.

Late applications

Late applications are any application forms (known as Common Application Forms (CAFs)/Preference Forms) received by the local authority after its deadline of 5pm on 15 January 2019. Late applicants will not receive an offer of a school place by the local authority on offer day (16 April) but their application will be processed in the next round of allocations (for details of when these are – refer to the local authority's composite prospectus).

Waiting Lists

All parents/carers who are unsuccessful at gaining a place for their child at the Barby CE Primary School may wish to place their child's name on the waiting list. To do so, parents/carers must contact the School and request that their child's name is placed on the waiting list. This should be done by email/in writing to the headteacher.

If a place becomes available at the School, it will be allocated according to the oversubscription criteria (see above), not on a first come, first served basis.

A child's name will remain on the waiting list until the end of the School term in which the application was made. If parents/carers wish their child's name to stay on the waiting list for the remainder of the academic year, they must email/write to the School at the beginning of each term to renew their interest i.e. in January and /or following the Easter break (April/May). Please note a new application form will have to be completed if parents/carers want their child's name to remain on the waiting list in the following academic year.

Please note – placing a child's name on the waiting list does not affect parents'/carers' right to appeal.

If the school has more applications than places available parents may elect to place their child's name on a waiting list.

Pupils will be placed on the waiting list in strict order according to the oversubscription criteria on the Admission Policy. If a place becomes available at the school, places will be allocated according to these oversubscription criteria.

The Waiting List will be revised in September at the start of the new school year and at the time of allocation of any available places. Parents wishing their child to remain on the waiting list should contact the school within 10 school days at the beginning of September. Any places that become available mid term will be allocated as soon as possible.

Right of appeal

If a parent/carer is refused a place at the School, they have the right to appeal against the decision to an independent Admission Appeals Panel. Those wishing to appeal should write to or email as follows:

The Clerk to the Appeals Panel
Bouverie Court
6 The Lakes
Bedford Road
Northampton
NN4 7YD

Email – education@peterborough-diocese.org.uk

Details of arrangements for requesting deferred admission of “summer-born” children can be found in Appendix 1.

1. Admission of children below compulsory school age and deferred entry to school

Children are required to start their compulsory education from the beginning of the term following their 5th birthday (based on a 3 term year with terms starting in September, January and April). In Barby CE Primary School, children are entitled to a full year in Reception i.e. the school place is available from the beginning of the school year in which the child has their 5th birthday.

Deferred entry:

Parents/carers can request that *entry to the School* is deferred until later in the same school year (i.e. a child born in the Autumn term could defer starting school until January and a child born in the Spring or Summer term could defer their start until after Easter). If such a request is made the School is required to *hold the place* for the child; the place cannot be offered to another child but it cannot be kept open beyond the beginning of the Summer term.

Any parents/carers considering deferring their child's admission to school are recommended to discuss this with the Headteacher.

2. Admission of children out of their normal age group

2.1 Parents/carers may seek a place for their child out of their normal age group e.g. if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. Additionally;

2.2 Parents/carers of a summer born child (i.e. a child born in the period from 1 April to 31 August) may not want to send their child to school until the September following their 5th birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – e.g. to Reception rather than to Year 1 – *please refer to the section on Summer Born children below.*

Process for requesting a place out of normal age group (*not Summer Born*)

Parents/carers may seek a place for their child out of their normal age group as stated in 2.1 above. If parents/carers wish to do so, they must contact Mrs Jody Toone at the School.

The Admissions Committee of the Governing Board will convene a meeting to consider the request and will make decisions on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of:

- ❖ the parent's/carer's views;
- ❖ information about the child's academic, social and emotional development;
- ❖ where relevant, the child's medical history and the views of a medical professional;
- ❖ whether the child has previously been educated out of their normal age group;
- ❖ whether the child may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely;
- ❖ the Headteacher's views.

Please note – if the Admissions Committee does not agree to this request to be admitted out of cohort, there is no right of appeal against that decision.

Requests for admission out of normal age group (*Summer Born children*)

- Parents/carers who wish to apply for a place in Reception out of the normal age group should make a request to the Local Governing Board which is responsible for administering the admission arrangements at the School. The request needs to be accompanied by reasons for such a request and should be made by **1 December** of the year prior to the year the child should enter Reception if they had not requested to defer applying.
- The Admissions Committee of the Local Governing Board will convene a meeting to consider the request and will make decisions on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of:
 - ❖ the parent's/carer's views;
 - ❖ information about the child's academic, social and emotional development;
 - ❖ where relevant, the child's medical history and the views of a medical professional;
 - ❖ whether the child has previously been educated out of their normal age group;
 - ❖ whether the child may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely;
 - ❖ the Headteacher's views.

What happens next?

- The Admissions Committee will inform the parents/carers of its decision on the Year group the child should be admitted to when they have to start school (i.e. Reception or Year 1) and will set out clearly the reasons for their decision. (*For details of when a child has to start school - see paragraph 1 above - "Admission of children below compulsory school age and deferred entry to school"*);
- If the Admissions Committee **agrees** to the parent's/carer's request to defer the application for a Reception place, they will inform the local authority and the parents/carers will then need to make an application for a place in Reception in the normal round of admissions in the following academic year.

Please note – in this following normal admissions round, if the School is oversubscribed, all applications (including deferred applications) for the School will be ranked in accordance with the School's oversubscription criteria. If the application is not successful, parents/carers will have the right to appeal but, as the purpose of the appeals process is to consider whether a child should be admitted to a particular school, parents/carers do not have a right of appeal if they have been offered a place and it is not in the year group they would like;
- If the Admissions Committee does **not agree** to the application being deferred, there is **no right of appeal** against that decision and the parents/carers will need to make an

application to the local authority for a place in Reception by 15 January or make an in-year application for a Year 1 place at the appropriate time.