

Fair Access placements by the local authority

Outside the normal admission round, it may sometimes be necessary for a pupil to be placed by the local authority, or a local placement panel acting on behalf of the authority, in a particular school even if there is a waiting list for admission. Such placements will be made in accordance with Hampshire County Council's Fair Access Protocol. The Protocol is based on legislation and government guidance.

Waiting lists

When all available places have been allocated, waiting lists will be operated by schools on behalf of the local authority. Any places that become available will be offered to the child at the top of the list at that time. The waiting list is ordered according to the criteria of the admission policy with no account being taken of the length of time on the waiting list or any priority order expressed as part of the main admission round. Fair Access admissions and school closure arrangements will take priority over the waiting list. The waiting list will be reviewed and revised –

- each time a child is added to, or removed from, the waiting list;
- when a child's changed circumstances affect their priority;

At the time of receiving an application decision from the County Council or a school, parents will be advised of the process for adding their child's name to a school's waiting list. Parents may keep their child's name on the waiting list of as many schools as they wish.

The waiting list will be maintained until 31 August 2021, at which point all names will be removed. Should parents wish their child to be considered for a place at the school in the following school year, they should complete and submit a fresh in-year application in the August preceding the new school year. Schools will send a decision letter within the first 10 days of the new term.

Starting school

Pupils born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 (inclusive) are entitled to full time schooling from September 2020. Parents can choose to defer their child's admission until later in the school year (but not beyond the start of the term after they reach compulsory school age). Children can also attend part time until they reach compulsory school age. Parents must discuss their child's starting arrangements with the school once an offer has been secured.

Children with birthdays between:

- 1 September and 31 December 2015 (inclusive) reach compulsory school age on 31 December 2020, at the start of the Spring term 2021.
- 1 January and 31 March 2016 (inclusive) reach compulsory school age on 31 March 2021, at the start of the Summer term 2021.

- 1 April and 31 August 2016 (inclusive) reach compulsory school age on 31 August 2021, at the start of the new school year in September 2021

Parents of summer born children (those born between 1 April and 31 August 2016) who are particularly concerned about their child's readiness for school can request to delay their child's entry to Year R for an entire school year until September 2021. This is called decelerated admission. In making such a request, parents would be expected to state clearly why they feel decelerated admission to Year R was in their child's best interests. It is recommended that parents considering such a request contact the local authority in the autumn term 2019 to ensure that an informed decision is made. Guidance on decelerated admission for summer born children, including how to make a request, is available on the County website at: www.hants.gov.uk/ad-summerborn or by calling the Admission team on 0300 555 1377

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so, parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission outside the normal age group is being requested and which year group they wish their child to be admitted. Decisions will be made based on the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child.

School Closures

In the event of a school closure, pupils from the closing school may be given priority for any school nominated as the receiving school. Specific arrangements will be determined by the Local Authority in accordance with the School Admissions Code and will be published at the time for the specific schools affected.

Legislation

This policy takes account of all Equalities legislation, together with all relevant regulations and the School Admissions Code (published by the DfE in 2014).

**Hampshire County Council Admissions for
Year R: Parent Help Line: 0300 555 1377
www3.hants.gov.uk/education/admissions**

**For In Year enquiries please contact the school
office on: 01425 672272.**

Admission Policy 2020-2021



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Admission Policy for 2020 - 2021

This policy will be used during 2019/20 for allocating places in the main admission round for entry to Year R in September 2020. It will also apply to in-year admissions during 2020/2021.

The Governors of Bransgore CofE Primary School are the admission authority for the school. However, we adopt the admission arrangements determined by Hampshire County Council, after statutory consultations.

The guiding principles of the school admissions policy are that each school should serve its local community; that siblings as far as possible can attend school together; and that children can benefit from continuity between schools serving the same community. The policy aims to be clear, fair and objective and complies with all relevant legislation.

Published Admission Number (PAN)

The published admission number (PAN) for Bransgore CofE Primary School for 2020-2021 is **45**. The school will admit this number if there are sufficient applications.

Where fewer applications than the published admission number are received, places will be offered to all those who have applied.

Admissions Process

Hampshire County Council are responsible for the main admissions round for Year R.

The County Council will consider first all those applications received by the published deadline of **midnight on Wednesday 15th January 2020**.

Notifications to parents offering a primary school place will be sent by the County Council on 16th April 2020.

Applications made after midnight **15 January 2020** will be considered after all on-time applications have been fully processed unless exceptional circumstances merit consideration alongside on-time applications.

For the normal admission round, all on time preferences will be considered simultaneously and ranked in accordance with the admission criteria. If more than one school can offer a place, the parent's highest stated available preference will be allocated.

Pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan

Any child with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school will be admitted. Where possible such children will be admitted within the PAN.

Oversubscription criteria

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan naming the school, priority for admission will be given to children in the following priority order:

1. Looked after children or children who were previously looked after. (see Definition i)
2. (For applicants in the normal admission round only) Children or families who have an exceptional medical or social need (see Definition ii) Evidence must be provided, from a medical specialist or social worker, of the child or family's need and why those needs make it essential that the child attends Bransgore CofE Primary School rather than any other. If evidence is not submitted by the application deadline, the medical or social needs cannot be considered.
3. Children of staff (see Definition iii) who have, (1) been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made or (2) have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Children living **in** the catchment area of the school (see Definition iv) who at the time of application have a sibling (see Definition v) on the roll of Bransgore CofE Primary school who will still be on roll at the time of the admission. (See 7 for additional children who may be considered under this criterion)
5. Children living **in** the catchment area with a parent who is an active member of the Church of England (see Definition vi) and who requests admission on denominational grounds and provides relevant evidence.
6. Other children living **in** the catchment area of Bransgore CofE Primary School.
7. Children living **out** of the catchment area who at the time of application have a sibling (see Definition v) on the roll of Bransgore CofE Primary School who will still be on roll at the time of the admission. (Where a sibling was allocated a place at the school in the normal admission round in a previous year because the child was displaced (see Definition vi) from the catchment school for their address, the application will be considered under 4 above, subject to the siblings still living in the catchment area for the school from which they were displaced. In future normal admission rounds a younger sibling will be considered to have been displaced where they were allocated a place at the school under this criterion as a consequence of their elder sibling's displacement and are still living in the catchment area for the school from which they were displaced)
8. Children living **out** of the catchment area with a parent who is an active member of the Church Of England (see Definition vii) and who requests admission on denominational grounds and provides relevant evidence.
9. Other children.

Definitions

(i) Looked after children are defined as those who are (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). Previously looked after children are those who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption order, child arrangements order, or special guardianship order. An adoption order is an order under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or section 12 of the Adoption Act 1976. Child arrangement orders are defined in section 8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

(ii) 'Social need' does not include a parent's wish that a child attends the school because of a child's aptitude or ability or because their friends attend the school. 'Medical need' does not include mild medical conditions, such as asthma or allergies.

(iii) 'Staff' includes all those on the payroll of the school. 'Children of staff' refers to situations where the staff member is the natural parent, the legal guardian or a resident step parent.

(iv) A map of the school's catchment area is available on the school's details page of the Hampshire County Council website www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/findaschool

(v) 'Sibling' refers to brother or sister, half brother or half sister, adoptive brother or adoptive sister, foster brother or sister, step brother or step sister living as one family unit at the same address. It will also be applied to situations where a full, half or adopted brother or sister are living at separate addresses. Categories 4 and 7 include children who at the time of application have a sibling for whom the offer of a place at the preferred school has been accepted, even if the sibling is not yet attending.

(vi) 'Displaced' refers to a child who was refused a place at the catchment school in the normal admissions round having named it in the application and was not offered a higher named preference school.

(vii) 'Active member of the Church of England' is defined as attending worship at a Church of England church at least twice a month for the previous two years before the date of application. Parents applying under criterion 4 or 8 must complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which asks for declaration and verification of active membership. The SIF, is available to download and print from the County website (www.hants.gov.uk/admissions) or from the school on request. It cannot be completed online. The completed SIF must be returned to the school by the application deadline.

Tie-breaker

If the school is oversubscribed from within any of the above categories, straight line distance will be used to prioritise applications; applicants living nearer the school have priority. Distances will be measured from the Ordnance Survey home address point to the school address point using Hampshire County Council's Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Distances to multiple dwellings will give priority to the ground floor over the first floor and so on. On individual floors, distances will be measured to the stairs leading to the communal entrance. Where two or more applicants are equidistant, random allocation will be used to allocate the place. An explanation of the random allocation procedure is available on the County website.

Permanent Residence

The child's permanent residence is where they live, normally including weekends and during school holidays as well as during the week, and should be used for the application. The permanent address of children who spend part of their week with one parent and part with the other, at different addresses, will be the address at which they spend most of their time.

Multiple births.

Where a twin or child from a multiple birth is admitted to a school under this policy then any further twin or child of the same multiple birth will be admitted, if the parents so wish, even though this may raise the number in the year group above the school's PAN. No other pupil will be admitted until a place becomes available within the PAN.