



Thurstonland Endowed (VC) First School

Part of the **Green Hills First Federation**
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Admissions Policy January 2019

Parents of prospective pupils and the pupils themselves are welcome to make an appointment to visit, meet the teachers and see the school in action. At the end of the term prior to admission parents will be invited to an evening information session, and the new pupils will be invited to spend a couple of half day sessions in school. This will enable them to meet the other children and the teachers in preparation for starting school. The Reception teacher will visit the children in their pre-school setting prior to starting school and will visit parents and children at home.

Children normally start school: -

Date of 5th birthday (inclusive)

Term of admission

1 September – 31 August

Autumn (September)

Children should be registered as soon as possible after their third birthday but no later than 15 January during the school year in which they would be starting school. The school year begins in September. Places in Reception are allocated centrally by School Admissions, parents will be informed of their child's allocation by a letter sent from this section.

Parents Guide

Parents who wish to register their child at the school, if it is not their local school, should speak to the Headteacher beforehand to discuss this. All applications for a school place should be made online at <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/admissions/apply-primary-school-place.aspx>

Priorities for Admission

Places in community and controlled schools will be offered to children in the following order of priority:

For Admission to All Key Stages

1. Children in public care (Looked after children)
2. Children who live in the school's priority admission area (PAA) who have a brother or sister attending from the same address at the date of admission (the sibling rule).
3. Other children who live in the school's priority admission area.
4. Children who live outside the school's PPA who have a brother or sister attending from the same address at the time of admission (the sibling rule).
5. Other children who live outside the priority area.

Community and controlled schools will admit children with an Education and Health Care plan when the school is named in the plan.

The published admission number (PAN) for Thurstonland First School is 12.

Notes

- a) Children in priority 1 above may be admitted above the Published Admission Numbers (PAN).
- b) If we cannot agree to requests for admission in priorities 2 to 5 above without exceeding the PAN, we will give priority up to the PAN to children living nearest the school.
- c) Distance is measured in a straight line from a child's home address to the school. Measurements are calculated using seven-figure grid references for each address taken from Ordnance Survey ADDRESS-POINT data. This grid reference relates to a point that falls within the permanent building structure corresponding to the address. The boundary of the building structure for the address is derived from Ordnance Survey Land-Line data. For smaller, residential properties the grid reference denotes a point near the centre of the building. For larger properties, like schools with, for example multiple buildings and large grounds, the grid reference relates to a point inside the main addressable building structure. The distance calculated is accurate to within 0.1 metres.
- d) 'Live' means the child's permanent home at the date when applications close, or if a significant house move is involved, the latest reasonable date prior to the final allocation of places. We anticipate the allocation process for children transferring to junior or middle school will take place in February each year and the allocation process for the Reception year group will take place in April each year.
- e) For children transferring from first schools, we will give preference in priorities 2 ~ 5 above (up to the PAN) to children attending a first school in the middle school PAA.
- f) A Priority Admission Area (PAA) means a geographical area determined by Kirklees in consultation with the governing body of the school. It is called this because children living there normally have priority for admission over children who live elsewhere. It is also referred to as the catchment area.
- g) Children with Education and Health Care plans for Special Educational Needs are admitted to mainstream schools, special units and special schools separately from the general admission policy.