

FULMER INFANT SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Date: April 2024

Next Review: April 2025



There is one intake for children into the Reception class, in the Autumn Term. Parents should apply for a place at the school through Buckinghamshire Council's Admission Procedure, in the Autumn Term prior to the academic year that their child turns five years old. If the school receives more applications than it has places available, Buckinghamshire Council uses admission rules to decide, in a fair and consistent way, which children they should offer the places to. These are as follows:

Once places have been allocated to children with an Educational Health Care Plan the remaining places will be allocated in the following order.

Rule 1. Looked after and previously looked after children.

Rule 2. Children who have exceptional medical or social needs, which can only be met at that school, supported by written evidence from an appropriate professional person.

Rule 3. Children of staff where either:

The member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made.

The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Rule 4. Children attending a primary school linked to the school named in the list of 'linked primary' schools at the time the allocations are made. This rule does not apply to those starting school in Reception.

Rule 5. Children living within the catchment area of the school.

Rule 6. For the main point of entry: siblings of children who are attending the school or a 'linked primary' school in Year R to Year 5 at the time the allocations are made and are expected to be on the school roll or linked school roll at the time of the proposed admission, or who have already been offered a place to start in the academic year at the school or a 'linked primary' school.

Rule 7. For immediate in year admission after the normal point of entry. Siblings of children who are in Year R to Year 6 at the time of admission to the school.

Rule 8. Once the above rules have been applied, then any further places will be offered in distance order; using the distance between the family's Normal Home Address and the school's nearest entrance gate offering the closest first. Straight line distance will be used.

Rule 9. Where a school can take some, but not all, of the children who qualify under one of these rules, we will give priority to children by taking account of the next rule (or rules) in the numbered list to decide who has priority for places.

Rule 10. If it is still not possible to decide between two applicants who are equidistant then an independently scrutinised random allocation will be made to allocate the final place.

We invite all new children to spend a morning with us in the Summer Term before they start at the school.