



Admissions Policy

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Stanley Crook Primary School

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1 Introduction

- 1.1** Stanley Crook Primary School Governing Body applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend this school. Our Admissions policy conforms to the regulations that are set out in Durham County Council's Children and Young People's Services Primary School Admissions Brochure.

2 Aims

- 2.1** We seek to be an inclusive school, welcoming 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 adopt the procedure set out below to determine whether a child is to be accepted or not. It is our wish for parents to find a place for their child at the school of their choice. However, this is not always possible, due to excess demand on the places available.
- 2.4** A child's level of ability is irrelevant to this school's admissions policy, as are any special needs the child may have.

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

- 3.1** Our school is a community school, and it determines the admission arrangements in agreement with the LA. The Admissions Authority for our school is therefore the LA, which publishes its entry regulations every year. Parents can receive a copy of these regulations directly from the LA.
- 3.2** The LA's annual admissions brochure informs parents how to apply for a place at the school of their choice. Parents have a right to express their preference, but this does not, in itself, guarantee a place at that particular school. Application should be made on a form is found in Durham County Councils Primary School Admission Brochure, and should be returned by the date stipulated on that form. The Local Authority will notify parents of the decision as soon as all the applications have been considered.
- 3.3** In this area, children enter school at the start of the academic year in which they become five. There is one admission date per year, early in September (i.e. when the autumn term begins). Therefore, parents who would like their child to be admitted to this school during the year their child is five should ensure that they return the necessary application form by October of that academic year.

4 Admission appeals

- 4.1** If the LA do not offer a child a place at this school, this will be because to do so would prejudice the education of other children by allowing the number 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 panel considers all such appeals, and its decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decides that we should admit a child to whom we had refused a place, then we will accept this decision and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all the children at our school. (Further details of appeal arrangements are set out in the Primary School Admissions in County Durham Brochure)

5 The standard number

- 5.1** The 'standard number' is the number of children the LA considers the school can accommodate. The standard number for our school is 19. We keep this number under review, and the governors will apply to change the number if circumstances change.

6 Sizes of classes for infants

- 6.1** We teach infant children (aged four to seven) in classes that have a maximum number of 30 children.

7 Monitoring and review

- 7.1** This policy will be monitored by the governing body and reviewed every two years, or earlier in the light of any changed circumstances, either in our school or in the local area. The policy will always take due note of guidance provided by the LA Admissions Team.