

TOOTING PRIMARY SCHOOL: ADMISSIONS POLICY 2018-19

ADMISSION NUMBER

The Planned Admission Number for the school for 2018-19 is 60.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

If the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Educational Health & Care Plan (EHCP), where the school is named by a local authority in the EHCP, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, and applied in that order:

- (i) Children Looked After or children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order). (See note 1.)
- (ii) Children with a professionally supported exceptional medical or social need for a place at a particular school, as decided by the Governing Body. (See note 2.)
- (iii) Brothers and sisters of children on the roll of the school on the date of admission. (See note 3.)
- (iv) Children of employees of the Graveney Trust who work at Tooting Primary School. (See note 4.)
- (v) Proximity of home to school as measured by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System. (See note 5.)

If there are more applications than places within any category, applications will be considered in order of nearness of home to school using a straight line measurement as measured by Wandsworth's GIS computerised system.

NOTES

1. A child looked after is a child in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989. Children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted are as defined by section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, or those who became subject to a residence order (under section 8 of the terms of the Children act 1989) or special guardianship order (under section 14A of the Children Act 1989).
2. Applications made on acute medical grounds must be supported by a current letter from a specialist health professional. Applications made on exceptional social grounds must be supported by a current letter from a social worker or other care professional working with the family. The letters must give reasons why the child's condition or circumstances make it necessary for the child to attend the school and the difficulties that would be caused if they had to attend an alternative school. If this information is not provided by the application closing date, the application will not be considered under this criterion.
3. A sibling is defined as a full brother or sister, a step/half brother or sister living at the same address, a child who is living at the same address as part of the family, by reason of a court order, or a child who has been placed with foster carers as a result of being looked after by a local authority.
4. The member of staff must have been employed by the Trust, and worked at Tooting Primary School, for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made or be a member of staff who was recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
5. The permanent address of the parent/guardian with whom the child is living on the closing date for applications will be used for this purpose. A childminder's address will not be accepted. Distance is measured by Wandsworth Borough Council on behalf of the school, using the GIS computerised system. Measurements produced by alternative measuring systems will not be

taken into account in any circumstances. The distance is measured from the applicant's home to the front gates of the school, using a straight line measurement. The school reserves the right to verify applicants' addresses with nursery schools and electoral registers.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Method of Application for Reception

Parents/carers must apply on the Common Application Form of the local authority where they live. This can be completed online via www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions or on a paper form available from the school or their local council's School Admissions Team. The closing date for Reception class applications will be 15 January 2017. Notification letters will be sent out on 17 April 2017. Applications received after the set closing date will be accepted but will not normally be considered for a place at the school until after the initial offer date.

Waiting List

Unsuccessful applicants (including any applications received after the closing date) will be included on the school's waiting list ranked in order of priority under the published oversubscription criteria, without regard to the date that the application was received. Please note a child's position on the waiting list can go down as well as up. For example, if a new application is received or if a child on the list moves nearer to the school, the waiting list may need to be revised. The offer of a place does not depend on the length of time your child's name has been on the waiting list.

Appeals

Parents who are not offered a place for their child have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel. Further information will be provided in the notification letter. The Council will publish an appeals timetable annually on its website showing the relevant deadlines.

Date of Admission/Deferred Entry

Children will normally be admitted to the reception year in the September following their fourth birthday.

In line with the Admissions Code, parents can defer their child's entry to the reception year until later in the school year, where they have been offered a place at a school to start before they are of compulsory school age. Where entry is deferred, the school will hold the place for that child and not offer it to another child. However, entry cannot be deferred beyond the beginning of the term after the child's fifth birthday, nor beyond the beginning of the final term of the Reception Year. Parents can also request that their child attends part-time until he/she reaches compulsory school age.

Children will not normally be admitted to Reception prior to the September following their fourth birthday.

Delayed Admission of Summer Born Children to Reception to the following September

Children will normally be admitted to the reception year in the September following their fourth birthday and the vast majority of pupils are educated within their normal chronological age group. However, if there are exceptional reasons, parents can request that the child is admitted outside his/her age group. Such requests would normally apply to children that are summer born and there are significant reasons that would benefit the child's academic, social and emotional development by starting Reception a year later.

We recommend that parents considering delaying entry to Reception to the following September discuss this with their preferred schools before making a formal request. The school may wish to

discuss how your child's could be met within their actual age group and the impact of being educated with children of a different age group.

If, following this discussion, parents wish to proceed with the request they should apply for a school place in your child's actual age group by the closing date of 15 January 2017 and include a written request with the application. The Council will then write to you to confirm the request has been received and that your current application has been cancelled.

It will be necessary to reapply for a Reception place in the following year. There can be no guarantee that there will be a place available at the school as this will depend upon the number of applications and pattern of admissions in that year. If the preferred school(s) are oversubscribed, the application will be considered in accordance with the schools' admission criteria. It is not possible to reserve a place for the following year.

Please see www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions for further information.

Admission of children outside their normal age group to other year groups¹

Any request for admission outside of the child's chronological year of entry will be considered in accordance with paragraphs 2.17-2.17B of the Admissions Code.

The governing body, as the admission authority for the school, will consider requests on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. The headteacher's views will also be taken into account. Each case should be supported by a letter from a professional (e.g. GP, Hospital Consultant, Social Worker) that provides the reasons for admission outside of the chronological year group. If the request is approved, the application will then be considered in accordance with the school's oversubscription criteria in the event of oversubscription.

Parents have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at the school but this right does not apply if they are offered a place at the school but it is not in their preferred age group.

Children will not normally be admitted to Reception prior to the September following their fourth birthday.

In Year Admissions

For in year admissions, parents/carers must apply to the school on the Wandsworth In Year Common Application Form. Applications will be considered in accordance with the above oversubscription criteria. In the event that it is not possible to offer a place the waiting list and appeals procedures described above will apply.