



Ings Primary School Admissions Policy and Arrangements 2019/20

SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS – 2019/20

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2019/20

The Local Authority has a duty to co-ordinate admission arrangements for all Hull primary maintained schools. The Authority will ensure that all Hull parents who apply for a school place and whose children are starting school for the first time will receive the offer of one primary school place on the agreed date. The criteria which are to be used to allocate places is described below.

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An admission number will be published showing the maximum number of pupils that the school will admit in the Autumn Term 2019. Parents are given the opportunity to express three preferences for a primary school. Published criteria are used to decide which children should be offered the available places. In primary schools an equal preference system operates, whereby the three parental preferences are given equal status. Each preference will be considered equally against the admissions criteria.

The allocation of school places is based on parental preference following the High Court judgment against Rotherham LA. Parents/carers are required to submit applications under the arrangements set out in the co-ordinated admissions scheme.

Applications for pupils having statements of special educational needs or Educational Health Care Plans (EHCP) will be dealt with in accordance with the Code of Practice on Special Educational Needs. Where a school is named in a child's Statement or EHC Plan following consultation with the Head and Governors, the governing body are required to admit the pupil.

After the allocation of pupils with a Statement or an EHC plan, where the number of applications is greater than the remaining places the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below:

Admissions Criteria

1. Children in public care at the time when preferences are expressed, and those who have been previously looked after, (see note (iv) below),
2. Being resident in the catchment area of the school (see note (i) below.)
3. Having a brother or sister who will be attending the school at the expected time of admission (see note (ii) below)
4. Geographical, with priority given to those living nearest to the school (see notes (ii) and (iii) below)

Criteria 3 and 4 will be used as a **tie-breaker** for other criteria. If the school is over-subscribed from within its catchment area after the allocation of EHC children and children under criteria 1 and 2, then the brothers/sisters and geographical criteria will be used in that order as tie-breakers.

Notes

(i) Residence is defined as the normal family address where the child resides. The qualification date is the closing date for applications under the co-ordinated admissions scheme. (Where families change normal address after the closing date but before the allocation process has commenced this can be considered under the review procedure).

Where parents live at separate addresses and have joint custody, the address used will be the one where the child spends the main part of the school week (ie. Sunday night to Thursday night inclusive). Childcare arrangements involving relatives' addresses do not qualify as normal family addresses for this purpose unless there is a court Residence Order in place.

(ii) Brothers and sisters include children with the same natural parents living at the same address children with the same natural parents living at different addresses (eg due to separation of natural parents) half- brothers/sisters living at the same address step – brothers/sisters living at the same address - children living as part of the same family unit with their parents/guardians at the same address.

(iii) The measurement of distance is the shortest available safe route for pedestrians along footpaths, using footpaths alongside roads marked on the current street map of the City. Front entrance of home property (residence) to main entrance of school site is used.

The Authority will use Routefinder, a computer mapping system, to make measurements.

(iv) The highest priority **must** be given to looked after children (1) and children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (2) (or became subject to a residence order) (3) or special guardianship order (4). Further references to previously looked after children in the Code means children who were adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after.

1 A 'looked after child' is a child who is (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).

2 Under the terms of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. See section 46 (adoption orders).

3 Under the terms of the Children Act 1989. See section 8 which defines a 'residence order' as an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live.

Primary School Catchment Area Map

