

ADMISSION POLICY FOR OATLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

All governing bodies are required by section 324 of the Education Act 1996 to admit to the school a child with a statement of special needs that names the school. This is not an oversubscription criterion. This relates only to children who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final statement of special educational needs (SEN) has been issued.

If the number of applications exceeds the Published Admission Number (PAN), after the admission of children where the school is named in the statement of special educational needs (SEN) or Education Health & Care Plan the following oversubscription criteria will apply:

Priority 1	Looked after children and all previously looked after children for whom the school has been expressed as a preference. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order.
Priority 2	Children the Authority considers have special social or medical reasons for admission.
Priority 3	Children living within the normal area of the school
Priority 4	Children living outside the normal area of the school

Children in higher numbered priority groups will be offered places ahead of those in lower numbered priority groups.

All applications within each priority group will be considered equally (i.e. all applications, regardless of order of preference).

Tie break:

If there are not enough places for all the children in one of these priority groups, we will give priority first to those with a sibling at Oatlands Infant School or Oatlands Junior School at the time of allocation (in all cases sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent / carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is permanently living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling) and then to those living nearest the school.

If within a priority group there are not enough places for all those with a sibling at the schools at the time of allocation, we will give priority to those children with a sibling at a) Oatlands Infant School, then b) Oatlands Junior School. If within these priority groups, there are not enough places we will give priority to those children with a sibling living nearest the school.