

Coventry Primary, Infant and Junior School Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme: 2015/16

Introduction

1. This primary co-ordinated scheme is published in accordance with the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulation 2012.

The scheme

2. Coventry City Council are the responsible authority for co-ordinating the arrangements for the admission of pupils to primary junior and infant schools in the Local Authority area.
3. The scheme shall apply to every primary, junior and infant school in the Local Authority area (except special schools) and shall take effect for the admissions process leading to admissions into primary, junior and infant schools in September 2015.

The scheme complies with the DfE School Admissions Code February 2012.

The details of the scheme are set out in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 of this document.

SCHEDULE 1

PART 1 – THE SCHEME

1. The application process will be available online via the Local Authority website or via a paper common application form.
2. The online application and the Common Application Form will be used as a means of expressing preferences for the purposes of Section 86 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, by parents resident in Coventry wishing to express a preference for their child to be admitted to a maintained primary, junior or infant school or an Academy/free school.
3. When applying the parent will be able to:
 - a. express **three** preferences, in rank order of preference.
 - b. give their reasons for each preference.
4. The parent will receive no more than one offer of a school place and:
 - (i) a place will be offered at the highest ranking nominated school for which they are eligible for a place; and
 - (ii) if a place cannot be offered at a nominated school, a place will be offered at the nearest available school following consultation with own admission authorities where appropriate.

5. The Local Authority will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that:
 - the online application system and the Common Application Forms are available.
 - a written explanation of the co-ordinated admissions scheme is available on the Local Authority website and from the Local Authority.
6. During September 2014 all maintained primary, junior and infant schools and academies/free schools in Coventry will receive information for parents who wish to apply for admission to a Coventry primary, junior or infant school at the normal age of entry in 2015/16. Information will also be made available in nurseries and other early years provision, and in other general community settings such as libraries and GP surgeries.

Supplementary Information Forms

7. All preferences expressed on the Common Application Form or via the online process are valid applications. The governing body of a school which is its own admission authority (e.g. voluntary aided schools or academies) school may ask parents who wish to nominate, or have nominated, their school through this process to provide additional information on a supplementary form for the governing body to apply their oversubscription criteria to the application. If parents complete a supplementary form, this must be returned to the Local Authority, along with any evidence, so that the relevant forms can be passed to the school(s).
8. Where a school receives a supplementary form from a Coventry resident it will not be regarded as a valid application unless the parent has also completed an online application or Common Application Form and the school is nominated on it. Where supplementary forms are received directly by schools which are their own admission authorities the school must inform the Local Authority immediately so the Local Authority can verify whether an application has been received from the parent and, if not, contact the parent and ask them to complete one. Under the requirements of the scheme, parents will not be under any obligation to complete an individual school's supplementary form.

Processing of Common Application Forms

9. Parents can complete the online application by 15 January 2015. An email confirming receipt of the application will be received once the application has been submitted. Alternatively parents can return a completed Common Application Forms to a primary, junior or infant school or to the Local Authority by 15 January 2015. The Local Authority will issue a receipt within 14 days for all Common Application Forms received. The receipt letter is the only valid proof that an application has been received by the Local Authority. Applications received after 15 January 2015 will be treated in accordance with the procedure for late applications.
10. The primary, junior or infant school should forward any Common Application Forms received directly onto the School Admissions Team by 15 January 2015 at the latest.

Determining Offers

11. The Local Authority will act as a 'clearing house' for the allocation of places by the relevant admission authorities in response to the online applications and Common Application Forms. The Local Authority will only make a decision with respect to a

preference expressed where:-

- (a) it is acting in its separate capacity as an admission authority, or
- (b) an applicant is eligible for a place at more than one school, or
- (c) an applicant is not eligible for a place at any school that the parent has nominated.

12. **By 6 February 2015 Coventry** Local Authority will apply the individual admissions policy on behalf of community & voluntary controlled primary schools. Where the governing body is the admission authority, Coventry Local Authority will notify the admission authority for each of the schools of every application that has been made for that school, regardless of ranking. All relevant details and any supplementary forms received which schools require in order to apply their oversubscription criteria will be forwarded to the governing body together with any evidence.
13. **By 25 February 2015** the admission authority for each school will consider all applications for their school, apply the school's oversubscription criteria (if appropriate) and provide the Local Authority with a list of those applicants 'ranked' according to the school's oversubscription criteria. Where the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available at the school by a significant amount, the admission authority need 'rank' only as many as it agrees with the Local Authority to be necessary, allowing for the fact that some of those who could be offered a place might be offered a place at another school.
14. The Local Authority will match this 'ranked' list against the 'ranked' lists of the other schools:
 - (a) Where the child is eligible for a place at only one of the nominated schools that school will be allocated to the child.
 - (b) Where the child is eligible for a place at two or more of the nominated schools, they will be allocated a place at whichever of these is the highest ranked preference.
 - (c) Where the child is not eligible for a place at any of the nominated schools, the child will be allocated a place at the nearest appropriate school with a vacancy, following consultation with own admission authorities where appropriate.
15. By 4 March 2015 the Local Authority will commence the exchange of information with other Local Authorities on potential offers of places in Coventry schools. Similarly other Local Authorities will notify Coventry Local Authority of potential offers available to Coventry residents.
16. Following this Coventry and other Local Authorities will compare potential offers and provisionally allocate places. This information will then be exchanged between Local Authorities, and this work will be completed by 30 March 2015.
- 17. It should be noted that all children with statements of special educational needs that names a school must be admitted to that school before all other applicants.**

Decision Letters

18. **On 16 April 2015** Coventry Local Authority will post letters to parents by second class post notifying them of the primary / junior / infant school place that has been allocated to their child. Emails will also be sent on this date to those parents who have applied on-line. Both will contain the following information:
- The name of the school at which a place is offered;
 - The reasons why the child is not being offered a place at each of the other schools nominated on the application;
 - Information about their statutory right of appeal against the decisions to refuse places at the other nominated schools;
 - Contact details for applicants to lodge an appeal when they have not been offered a place at a school.

PART 11 – LATE APPLICATIONS

19. The closing date for applications in the normal admissions round is **15 January 2015**.
20. All applications received after **15 January 2015** will be late and will only be considered after all those who applied on time.

Waiting Lists

21. After the initial allocation on **16 April 2015** the Local Authority will establish waiting lists for community & voluntary controlled primary, junior and infant schools, and these will operate up until the end of the Autumn term in **2015**. Parents who wish to have their child's name on a waiting list for a community or voluntary controlled school after this date should contact the Local Authority.
22. Voluntary Aided schools and academies will be responsible for maintaining their own waiting lists in conjunction with the Local Authority. Parents, who wish for their children to continue to be considered for any places at these schools after the end of the Autumn term, must contact the schools direct.
23. Waiting lists are kept in admissions criteria order and this is the basis for deciding where a child is placed on a list. The date of application does not affect the position on a waiting list.

Applications outside the normal admissions round

24. The Local Authority co-ordinates in year admissions for all community, voluntary controlled, and voluntary aided schools and academies/free schools within Coventry unless the school has indicated otherwise in their admission arrangements. Contact Admissions and Benefits Team for the most up to date information. Applications are made on a standard application form for all schools. Applicants for Coventry Voluntary Aided Church of England schools will need to complete a supplementary information form but only if they are applying on priority faith grounds. Admissions decisions by own

admission authority schools will be made within 5 school days in most circumstances. Decision letters will be issued by the Local Authority on behalf of all schools within the co-ordinated scheme and these will include appeal information where an application was unsuccessful. Waiting lists for all Coventry schools will be notified to the Local Authority. Voluntary Aided schools/Academies/free schools will be responsible for maintaining their own lists in conjunction with the Local Authority. Parents, who wish for their children to continue to be considered for any places at these schools after the end of the Autumn term must contact the schools direct. The Local Authority will maintain lists for community and voluntary controlled schools. Children will remain on these waiting lists for the term in which they apply, but failure to confirm continued interest in a school within 14 days of the beginning of each term will result in removal from waiting lists.

SCHEDULE 2

Primary / junior / Infant Coordinated Admissions Scheme Timetable

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| 15 January 2015 | National closing date for making an online application or returning Coventry Common Application Forms. |
| 6 February 2015 | Details of preferences expressed will be sent to Coventry Voluntary Aided schools for "ranking". |
| 25 February 2015 | Coventry Voluntary Aided schools will provide the Local Authority with a "ranked" list of applicants. |
| 4 March 2015 | From this date onwards Coventry Local Authority will compare provisional offers data and finalise the allocation of places. |
| 16 April 2015 | Coventry Local Authority will notify its schools which parents have been offered places.

On this date letters will be sent out by second class post notifying parents of the school place offered to their child(ren). Parents who have applied on-line will be notified on this date by email. |

Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary and Infant School Admissions Policy 2015/16 Oversubscription criteria:

If there are more requests for a school than there are places available within the school's admission number, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria and in the order shown below.

- 1 Children who, at the time of admission, are in the care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children). Also children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a residence order or a special guardianship order**

A looked-after child is defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.

- 2. Children who live in the catchment area served by the school, who have a brother or sister attending the school or, in the case of separate infant and junior schools, the corresponding junior school, provided that the brother or sister will continue to attend that school the following year.**
- 3. Other children who live in the catchment area served by the school.**
- 4. Children living outside the catchment area with a brother or sister who currently attends the school or, in the case of separate infant and junior schools, the corresponding junior school, provided that the brother or sister will continue to attend that school the following year;**
- 5. Children by reference to the distance to the preferred school.**

If it is not possible to meet all of the requests in any one of the categories described above, the City Council will prioritise the requests by reference to distance.

Brothers and Sisters

The City Council sees the benefits of children from the same family attending the same school and gives priority to brother and/or sister connections in its policy for allocating places. The definition of brother or sister includes step-brothers, step-sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same permanent address. However, where schools are over-subscribed no guarantee can be given that places will be available for brothers and sisters.

Distance

If it is not possible to meet all of the requests in any one of the categories described above, the City Council will prioritise the requests within that category by reference to distance. A straight-line measurement will be made, using a computerised mapping system, from the centre of the child's residence - to the centre of the preferred school site. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority. Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the school, the local authority will select by drawing lots.

Home address

A pupil's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required. Where documentary evidence can substantiate to the satisfaction of the Local Authority that care is split equally between parents at two homes, parents must name the address to be used for the purpose of allocating a school place.

If a school is offered on the basis of an address that is subsequently found to be different from a child's normal and permanent home address, then that place is liable to withdrawal.

Children of UK service personnel and other Crown Servants will be treated as meeting the residency criteria for a catchment area once proof of posting has been provided.

Catchment area

One of the aims of local schools is to serve its neighbourhood and develop links with the local community to strengthen the school and the community. The area served by a school is known as the catchment area and details of specific catchment areas are available from the Admissions and Benefits team.

Deferred entry into Primary School

Legally a child does not have to be educated until the term after their fifth birthday. Parents may feel their child is young for their age, or there may be other reasons for wanting to delay their entry to school. This is called deferred entry.

In this situation applications for a place should be made in the normal way. The Authority recommends that the parent/carer contact the head teacher of the preferred school to discuss the matter in more detail prior to submitting the application. If the parent/carer then decides to defer entry, a place will be reserved until the child starts as long as they start within the academic year. The Authority cannot allocate it to another child. Parents/carers cannot assume however that an application for a deferred entry place will be successful. It will be considered alongside all other applications in accordance with the general City Council admissions policy.

Part time attendance

Parents can request that their child attends part time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

Children currently attending Local Authority Maintained Nursery Classes

Parents of children already attending Nursery Classes will also need to complete an application form in order to request a place at their preferred Primary School. The policy of the City Council is not to provide nursery classes at every school, but to provide classes which serve a wider area than the school's catchment area. The number of part-time places available in a nursery class therefore often exceeds the number of places available in the Reception Class in the same school. **The City Council cannot therefore guarantee that a pupil who is admitted to a school's nursery class will be admitted to the same school.**

Waiting List

The Authority cannot always offer places at a preferred school. If this is the case the child's name will be automatically placed on the Waiting List for community and voluntary controlled schools. If places become available, the Authority will allocate the places in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Applicants may therefore move both up and down the list depending on whether others joining the list meet a higher ranked oversubscription criterion.

Waiting Lists will remain in operation until the end of the 2015 Autumn Term. Thereafter, parents will be required to register their interest in the preferred school at the beginning of each term, otherwise they will be deemed to have withdrawn their interest.

Eastern Green Junior School Admissions Policy 2015/16

Oversubscription criteria:

If there are more requests for a school than there are places available within the school's admission number, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria and in the order shown below.

- 1 Children who, at the time of admission, are in the care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children). Also children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a residence order or a special guardianship order.**

A looked-after child is defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.

- 2. Children who currently attend St Andrew's Church of England Infant School.**
- 3. Children who live in the catchment area served by the school, who have a brother or sister attending the school or St Andrew's Church of England Infant school, provided that the brother or sister will continue to attend that school the following year.**
- 4. Other children who live in the catchment area served by the school.**
- 5. Children living outside the catchment area with a brother or sister who currently attends the school or St Andrew's Church of England Infant school, provided that the brother or sister will continue to attend that school the following year.**
- 6. Children by reference to the distance to the preferred school.**

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Brothers and Sisters

The City Council sees the benefits of children from the same family attending the same school and gives priority to brother and/or sister connections in its policy for allocating places. The definition of brother or sister includes step-brothers, step-sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers and sisters living at the same permanent address. However, where schools are over-subscribed no guarantee can be given that places will be available for brothers and sisters.

Distance

If it is not possible to meet all of the requests in any one of the categories described above, the City Council will prioritise the requests within that category by reference to distance. A straight-line measurement will be made, using a computerised mapping system, from the centre of the child's residence - to the centre of the preferred school site. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the

highest priority. Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the school, the local authority will select by drawing lots

Home address

A pupil's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required. Where documentary evidence can substantiate to the satisfaction of the Local Authority that care is split equally between parents at two homes, parents must name the address to be used for the purpose of allocating a school place.

If a school is offered on the basis of an address that is subsequently found to be different from a child's normal and permanent home address, then that place is liable to withdrawal.

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Admission Numbers 2015/16

Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary, Infant and Junior Schools

The admission number represents the capacity of the school to admit pupils at the normal age of entry in the 2015/16 academic year and should be set with regard to the capacity assessment for the school. Increased admission numbers are highlighted with an asterisk. These increases are the subject of separate consultation and will be subject to the completion of statutory notices procedures before coming into force.

Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary schools	Admission Number 2015/16
Alderman's Green Community Primary	90
Alder Moor Farm Primary	90
All Saints' C.E. Primary (Voluntary controlled)	30
Allesley Primary	60
Allesley Hall Primary	30
Broad Heath Community Primary	90
Cannon Park Primary	30
Charter Primary	45
Clifford Bridge Primary	60
Coundon Primary	90
Courthouse Green Primary	90
Earlsdon Primary	60
Eastern Green Junior	60
Edgewick Community Primary	60*
Ernesford Grange Primary	60
Finham Primary	60
Frederick Bird Primary	120
Gosford Park Primary	60
Grange Farm Primary	60
Grangehurst Primary	60
Hearsall Community Primary	60
Henley Green Community Primary	60
Holbrook Community Primary	90
Hollyfast Primary	90
Howes Community Primary	30
John Gulson Primary	90
John Shelton Community Primary	30
Joseph Cash Primary	60
Keresley Grange Primary	45

Limbrick Wood Primary	30
Little Heath Primary	60
Longford Park Primary	30
Manor Park Primary	90
Moat House Community Primary	60
Moseley Primary	60
Mount Nod Primary	45
Parkgate Primary	90
Park Hill Primary	60
Pearl Hyde Primary	45
Potters Green Primary	60
Ravensdale Primary	60
Richard Lee Primary	90
Sir Frank Whittle Primary	45
Southfields Primary	60
Sowe Valley Primary	30
Spon Gate Primary	60
St Andrew's C.E. Infant (Voluntary controlled)	60
St Christopher Primary	60
Stanton Bridge Primary	60
Stivichall Primary	75
Stoke Primary	60
Stoke Heath Primary	60
Templars Primary	75
Walsgrave C.E. Primary (Voluntary controlled)	60
Whitley Abbey Primary	60
Whitmore Park Primary	90
Whoberley Hall Primary	30
Willenhall Community Primary	60
Wyken Croft Primary	120