

BRAMPTON ABBOTTS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS POLICY

Which school will my child go to?

Each school has a geographical area known as its Catchment Area. Children living within this area are normally offered a place at this school unless parents express a preference for a different school. Our Catchment Area lies within the following boundaries: How Caple crossroads to the north, Greytrees to the south, Rudhall Farm to the east and the River Wye to the west. This means that at the moment we actually lie outside our own catchment area. Parents considering sending their children to our school are encouraged to visit with their children during the school day to see the school within a working context. An appointment with the Head teacher can be made to organise this.

Parents who live outside the catchment area can state a preference.

When will my child start school?

Children do not legally have to start school until the term after their 5th birthday. However most schools within the area operate a one admission policy offering all children to commence school in the autumn term within the academic year in which their 5th birthday falls. This is known as the reception year within the framework of the Foundation stage of education. At our school we encourage all reception children to stagger the first 4 weeks of their first term with mornings, afternoons, mornings and lunchtimes and eventual full time entry by the 4th week. This arrangement is flexible and alternatives can be made in prior discussion with the Head teacher or Classteacher. All children are offered a Taster Day in the summer term preceding their entry, when parents will have the opportunity to meet members of staff and learn a little about school procedures, reading, school activities and how they can be involved in school.

How do we apply for a place?

Parents are automatically sent a pack when their child is 3 years old which includes PA1 form. Once completed the form is returned to the Local

Authority who then allocate places. The school and parents are notified of places by mid March of the academic year before the autumn term the children are due to start school. Our school is fully inclusive and welcomes children of all abilities, regardless of race or religion. Our current admission limit is 20 per year group, and places are offered according to the following criteria:

1. Pupils in the 'Looked After' system, where the approved agencies agree that the preferred school meets the child's social, pastoral and educational needs.
2. Pupils with a statement of Special Educational Needs, which names the school or pupils in receipt of banded funding where the LEA identifies a particular school.
3. Children from the catchment area.
4. Children with brothers and/or sisters already at the school.
5. Children whose parents are actively involved in the worship of a Christian Church and wish their children to be educated at a Christian Church School.
6. Children with particular medical, social or educational needs. Production of medical information may be required.
7. The location of the child's home in relation to the school, priority will be given to the nearest.

What happens if my child is not offered a place?

Parents have the right to appeal to the Governing Body against an admissions decision. Full details of this procedure are available from the school.

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