

Maidwell Primary School

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Admissions Policy

History	Details
November 2014	Review cycle changed to annually (was bi-annually)
January 2019	3.2 Reference to <i>Application Forms</i> replaced to reflect current online application process 4 Criteria for admissions updated to reflect current status 5.1 <i>If we do not offer a child a place at this school</i> replaced with <i>If a place is not offered at this school</i>
January 2020	Re-ratification only: No amendments made
March 2021	Re-ratification only: No amendments made
March 2022	3.2 Northamptonshire County Council website link verified 5.2 Code of Practice on School Admissions Appeals amended to February 2012 version

The Governing Body of Maidwell Primary School have formally adopted this policy. The Headteacher and the Governing Body will review it no later than one year from the date of signature below.

Last Review

March 2022

Next Review

March 2023

GB Approval
Date

Signature
Chair of Governors

MAIDWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Governing Body of Maidwell Primary School applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend this school. The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 introduced a new framework for school admissions as of September 2000. This policy conforms to the regulations that are set out in that Act and also further explained in the statutory School Admissions Code of Practice and the statutory Appeals Code of Practice.

2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1 We are an inclusive school that welcomes children from all backgrounds and abilities.
- 2.2 All applications will be treated on merit and in a sensitive manner.
- 2.3 The only restriction we place on entry is that of number. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available, we enforce the procedure set out below in order to determine whether a child is accepted or not. It is our wish to allow parents the right to have a place at the school of their choice. However, this is not always possible, due to the excess demand on the school places available.
- 2.4 The level of ability of a child or any special needs that s/he may have plays no part in the admissions policy of this school.

3 How parents can apply for their child to be admitted to our school

- 3.1 As our school is a county primary school, the school determines the admission arrangements in agreement with the LA. The LA is therefore the 'Admissions Authority' for our school. The regulations for entry to each school, where the Admissions Authority is the LA, are published each year by the LA. Parents can receive a copy of these regulations directly from the LA.
- 3.2 The LA publishes a composite admissions prospectus each year, which gives information about how parents can apply for a place in the school of their choice. Parents have a right to express a preference for the school of their choice and they should do so on the application form. Expressing a preference does not, in itself, guarantee a place at this school. Application should be made on-line: <https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/Pages/default.aspx> within the timescales stipulated on the LA website. The LA notifies parents about the school place as soon as all the applications have been considered.
- 3.3 Children enter school in the academic year they become five. There is one admissions date per year, early in September (i.e. at the start of the school year).

4 Criteria for admissions

Places will be allocated to pupils who have a statement of SEN or EHC plan that names the school as appropriate provision. When there are more applications for places than there are places available, priority will be given in the following order:

- 1 Children in public care or previously in public care but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or child arrangements order or special guardianship order
- 2 Pupils who live in the linked area
- 3 Pupils with a brother or sister continuing at the school at the time of admission of the child
- 4 Other pupils

If the admission number is exceeded within any criterion priority will be given to those who live closest to the school.

5 Admission appeals

- 5.1 If a place is not offered at this school, it is because to do so would prejudice the education of other children by allowing the numbers of children in the school to increase too much.
- 5.2 If parents wish to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying to the LA. An independent appeals panel then meets to consider all appeals by parents who have been refused a place at our school and who wish to appeal against this decision. An appeals panel's decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decides that we should admit a child to our school, then we will accept this and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all the children at our school. (Details of appeal arrangements are set out in the Code of Practice on School Admissions Appeals, which came into force in February 2012.)

6 The standard number

- 6.1 The standard number is the number of children the school can accommodate. The standard number for our school is **seventy**, which is ten in each year group. We keep this number under review and the governors will apply to change the number if circumstances allow.

7 Reception/KS1 class size

- 7.1 We teach Reception/KS1 children (aged four to seven) in classes that have a maximum number of 30 children.

8 Review

- 8.1 This policy will be reviewed annually with the Admissions Authority in the light of any changed circumstances in our school or the local area.