



Great Smeaton Academy Primary School Admissions Policy

Great Smeaton School is an Academy school which seeks to serve the Parish of Smeaton and Hornby and those who wish to apply from the surrounding area. As an academy, the school's Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for admissions. The school works within the framework of the Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements as set out by North Yorkshire County Council.

We are an inclusive school that welcomes children from all faiths and of all backgrounds and abilities and all applications will be treated fairly and objectively according to our admissions criteria.

The school will endeavour to accept all children where parents make application for them to attend up to the maximum admission level. The maximum number of permissible admissions is 10. If the number of permissible admissions exceeds this maximum, preference will be given in accordance with the over subscription admissions criteria set out below.

It is the duty of the Governors to comply with class size limits at Key Stage 1. This means that the school cannot operate classes in KS1 of more than 30 children.

Children who have a statement of special educational need, which names Great Smeaton School, will be admitted. This is a statutory entitlement under section 324 of the Education Act 1996 and is not part of the over subscription criteria.

Where there are more applications than places available, governors will offer places, according to the following criteria in order of priority:

- 1) Children in local authority public care (looked after children).
- 2) Children who have a brother or sister who attends Great Smeaton School and who will still be on roll at the expected time of admission for the applicant. Brothers and sisters includes, blood relations, step brothers, step sisters, fostered or adopted children.
- 3) Children with a medical or social need, which is supported by written verification by the appropriate professional to state that Great Smeaton School is the most appropriate school for the child.
- 4) Any other children.

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Where there are a more applications than places available within any one of the above criteria then the distance as measured in a straight line from the main entrance of school to the front door of the family home, giving priority to those living nearest to the school.

Application Procedures

All applications must be made using the Admissions Form, which should be returned to the Local Authority by the date given in the pack. Where a parent is seeking a mid-year transfer, the application must be made directly to the school.

Appeals

Where a child is not offered a place at the school, parents can appeal to an independent Appeals Panel. This appeal must be sent to the Local Authority. The parents must give their reasons for appealing in writing and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governors.