



Rossmore School

Admissions Policy

Introduction

Our governing body 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 admission as of September 2000. This was later revised in the Education Act of 2002. Our Admissions Policy conforms to the regulations that are set out in the Act and are further explained in the statutory School Admission Code of Practice and the statutory Appeals Code of Practice. These were reviewed in January 2003 and came into force in September 2004.

Aims

We seek to be an inclusive school, welcoming children from all backgrounds and abilities.

All applications will be treated on merit and in a sensitive manner.

The only restriction we place on entry is that of number. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available, we adopt the procedure set out in the CWAC Determined Admissions Arrangements <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/documents/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/school-admission-arrangements/determined-admission-arrangements/2023-2024/Determined-Admission-arrangements-for-2023-2024.pdf> to determine whether a child is to be accepted or not. It is our wish for parents to find a place for their child at the school of their choice. However, this is not always possible, due to excess demand on the places available.

A child's level of ability is irrelevant to this school's admissions policy, as are any special needs the child may have.

How parent can apply for their child to be admitted to our school

Our school is a community school, and it determines the admission arrangements in agreement with the LA. The Admissions Authority for our school is therefore the LA, which publishes its entry regulations every year. Parents can receive a copy of these regulations directly from the LA.

The LA's annual admission prospectus informs parents how to apply for a place at the school of their choice. Parents have a right to express their preference, but this does not, in itself, guarantee a place at that particular school. Application should be made on a form that can be obtained from the LA or via the school's website, and should be returned by the date stipulated on that form. The LA will notify the school once all the applications have been considered.

At Rossmore School, children enter at the start of the academic year in which they become 5. There is one admission date per year, early in September (ie, when the autumn term begins). Therefore, parents who would like their child to be admitted to this school during the year their child is five should ensure that they return the necessary application form by the date stated on the form.

Admission appeals

If we do not offer a child a place at this school, this will be because to do so would prejudice the education of other children by allowing the number of children in the school to increase too much.

If parents wish to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying to the LA. An independent panel considers all such appeals, and its decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decides that we should admit a child to whom we had refused a place, then we will accept this decision and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all the children at our school.

The standard number

The 'standard number' is the number of children the LA considers the school can accommodate. The standard number for our school is 210 (30 per year group from September 2020). We keep this number under review and the governors will apply to change the number if circumstances change. Within our Pre-School setting numbers will be capped at 30 full time equivalent.

Size of classes

All classes have a maximum number of 30 children.

Monitoring and review

This policy will be monitored by the governing board and reviewed every two years or earlier in light of any changed circumstances, either in our school or in the local area. The policy will always take due note of guidance provided by the local Admissions forum.

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Signed: (on behalf of Governing Board)

Chair of Governors

Date: