



Osmotherley Primary School

Admission Policy

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Introduction

Osmotherley CP School is always happy to give guided tours to any parent/carer who is interested in applying for a place. Please contact the school to make an appointment.

We operate a policy whereby all children start in Reception in September of the school year in which they are five.

Admission Procedure

North Yorkshire County Council operates a co-ordinated scheme for admissions, this ensures that all parents resident in North Yorkshire who have expressed a school preference before the closing date will receive a single offer of a school place on the same day.

To apply for a place at Osmotherley CP School, complete the online form on North Yorkshire County Council's own website. Click the link and choose "School Admissions".

www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions

The Planned Admission Limit is ten. This figure has been calculated according to the net capacity of the school, which the law defines and has been agreed with North Yorkshire Local Authority.

North Yorkshire Local Authority is the Admission Authority.

All Governing Bodies are required by section 324 of the Education Act 1996 to admit to the school a child with a statement of special needs that names the school. This is not an oversubscription criterion. This relates only to children who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final statement of special educational needs (SEN) has been issued.

If the number of applications exceeds the Planned Admission Number (PAN), after the admission of children where the school is named in the statement of special educational needs (SEN) the following criteria will be applied in strict order of priority:

1. Looked after children and all previously looked after children for whom the school has been expressed as a preference.
2. Children we believe to have special social or medical reasons for admission. Note: We will only consider applications in this category if they are supported by a professional recommendation from a doctor, social worker or other appropriate professional which says that this school is the most suitable.
3. Children living within the normal area of the school who have listed it as their first priority.
4. Children living in the normal area of the school who have listed it as a preferred school but whose higher preferences elsewhere have not been met and where a place elsewhere would "prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources". (In other words: the education of the pupils at other schools would be affected if those schools are already full or if the other schools are too far away for the child to go to without unreasonable travel time or costs).
5. Children from outside the normal area of the school who have a brother or sister at the school.

6. Children from outside the normal area who live closest to the school using the nearest available walking route.

If there are more children in any category than there are places remaining at the school, without exceeding the Planned Admission Number (PAN), priority will be decided on the basis of the distance from the school main entrance to child's front door of their home measured by the shortest safe walking route, those living nearest being given priority.

'Brother or sister' includes step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address and full brothers and sisters living apart.

School Admission Appeals

If your child is refused a place you can appeal against the decision. Please contact follow this link to the local authority for information on how to appeal <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/appeal-school-place>

Admissions In Year

To apply for a place at Osmotherley Primary School within a school year, please contact the school directly to check that there is a place in the child's year group and then follow the directions outlined in the Admissions Procedure section above.