



Admissions Policy

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The governing body of Graiseley 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 At Graiseley Primary School, we determine 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 forms can be obtained from the Education Department of the LA and should be completed by the date stipulated on the forms. The school notifies parents about the school place as soon as all the applications have been considered.
- 3.3 In this area, children enter school in the academic year they become five. There is only one intake in the Year in September.



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4. Admission appeals

- 4.1 If we do not offer a child a place 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.
- 4.2 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 September 1999.)

5. The standard number

- 5.1 The standard number is the number of children the school can accommodate. We keep this number under review and the governors will apply to change the number if circumstances allow.

6. Infant class size

- 6.1 We teach infant children (aged five to seven) in classes that have a maximum number of 30 children – generally, our classes are smaller.

7. Review

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



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Graiseley Primary School – Background Information

The school is smaller than most primary schools. It operates a one form entry system with an admission limit of 30 in Nursery to Year 2 and 33 in Years 3 to Year 6. There are approximately 240 pupils in the school which includes 30 children in the nursery. At present the school only offers a morning session in the Autumn term and morning and afternoon in the Spring and Summer terms.

The pupils come from many ethnic backgrounds and speak 20 plus different languages. Most pupils attending Graiseley Primary are from Asian backgrounds, with Punjabi and Hindi the most common home languages. Many families in the area experience considerable hardship.

Parents/carers of Nursery pupils are informed by the school that a Nursery place does not guarantee a place in Reception.

The net capacity assessment of the school (which is based upon teaching and non-teaching spaces) is 261 with the derived indicated admissions number of 29 which is lower than the planned admissions number of 30.

There are 8 classes and with 9 class rooms and 9 class room teachers, 1 each for Reception to Year 6, there is no spare teaching capacity and no more rooms available for expansion.

The current teacher ratio is no higher than 30 pupils to 1 teacher, which is in line with Government legislation on Infant Class sizes for KS1

The school is part of the Graiseley site.