



## **ADMISSION POLICY FOR 2024/2025**

### **Primary, Foundation Schools within the East Cleveland Cooperative Learning Trust**

There are no changes to the school admission policy for 2024 / 2025. Where there are more applications for a school than there are places available places will be allocated using the over subscription criteria.

We believe this policy should be a working document that is fit for purpose, represents the school ethos, enables consistency and quality across the school and is related to the following legislation:

- Data Protection Act 2018
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998
- Freedom of Information Act 2000
- Education and Skills Act 2008
- School Information (England) Regulations 2008
- Equality Act 2010
- Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011 & The Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Relevant Welsh Authorities) Order 2011
- School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012
- School Admissions (Appeal Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012
- School Admissions (Infant Class Sizes) (England) Regulations 2012
- Education (Wales) Act 2014

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The following documentation is also related to this policy:

- School Admissions Code (DfE)
- School Admissions Appeals Code (DfE)
- School Admissions Code (Wales)
- School Admissions Appeals Code (Wales)
- Equality Act 2010: Advice for Schools (DfE)
- Race Disparity Audit - Summary Findings from the Ethnicity Facts and Figures Website (Cabinet Office)

We are aware that the Brexit transition period ended on 31 December 2020 and, therefore, UK organisations that process personal data must now comply with the:

- DPA (Data Protection Act) 2018 and UK GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) if they process only domestic personal data;
- DPA 2018 and UK GDPR, and the EU GDPR if they process domestic personal data and offer goods and services to, or monitor the behaviour of, EU residents.

We wish to comply with the School Admissions Code of Practice. Annually we will publish the admission number for this school but there are times when this number will change in line with local authority and government statutory guidance.

We will consider all applications for admission as we are an inclusive school and will admit pupils without reference to general ability or aptitude. We believe we operate a fair and equal admissions policy.

We will admit any child with a statement of special educational needs that names this school and whose needs we feel we can meet.

We as a school community have a commitment to promote equality. Therefore, an equality impact assessment has been undertaken and we believe this policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010.

We all have a responsibility to ensure equality permeates in to all aspects of school life and that everyone is treated equally irrespective of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. We want everyone connected with this school to feel safe, secure, valued and of equal worth.

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We believe it is essential that this policy clearly identifies and outlines the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in the procedures and arrangements that is connected with this policy.

### **Aims**

- To comply with the School Admissions Code of Practice.
- To establish and maintain a fair and open admissions policy.
- To ensure compliance with all relevant legislation connected to this policy.
- To work with other schools and the local authority to share good practice in order to improve this policy.

### **Responsibility for the Policy and Procedure**

#### **Role of the Governing Body**

The Governing Body, as the admissions authority, has:

- a duty to consider all applications to this school fairly and openly;
- delegated powers and responsibilities to the Headteacher to ensure all school personnel and visitors to the school are aware of and comply with this policy;
- in place an Admissions Committee;
- responsibility for ensuring that the school complies with all equalities legislation;
- nominated a designated Equalities governor to ensure that appropriate action will be taken to deal with all prejudice related incidents or incidents which are a breach of this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring funding is in place to support this policy;
- make effective use of relevant research and information to improve this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring this policy and all policies are maintained and updated regularly;
- responsibility for ensuring all policies are made available to parents;
- nominated a link governor to:
  - visit the school regularly;
  - work closely with the Headteacher;
  - ensure this policy and other linked policies are up to date;
  - ensure that everyone connected with the school is aware of this policy;
  - attend training related to this policy;
  - report to the Governing Body every term;
  - annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy.

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- responsibility for the effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this policy.

### **Role of the Headteacher**

The Headteacher in conjunction with the Admissions Committee will:

- ensure all prospective parents are fully aware of the:
  - admissions criteria;
  - how to apply;
  - appeal process;
  - role of the admissions committee.
- ensure that all applications are looked at fairly and openly;
- ensure risk assessments are:
  - in place and cover all aspects of this policy;
  - accurate and suitable;
  - reviewed annually;
  - easily available for all school personnel
- work in conjunction with the Senior Leadership Team to ensure all school personnel, pupils and parents are aware of and comply with this policy;
- work closely with the link governor;
- provide leadership and vision in respect of equality;
- provide guidance, support and training to all staff;
- monitor the effectiveness of this policy by speaking with pupils, school personnel, parents and governors;
- annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy.

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### Admissions criteria:

1. Children who are looked after by the Local Authority;
2. Priority will be given to the admission of pupils' resident within the school's designated catchment area whose parents have expressed this preference if the admissions number of the school has not been exceeded.
3. In the event of over-subscription from within the school's designated catchment area, the following sub-criteria will be applied to prioritise admissions:
  - a. children recommended for admission on medical grounds, supported by a Medical Officer or psychological or special educational needs reasons. These must be confirmed by the Local Authority's professional advisers.
  - b. children who have older siblings at the school at the date of admission will be admitted in preference to those who do not;
  - c. where there is more than one case as in (a), priority to be assessed on the basis of those children closest in age to the elder siblings already at the school at the date of admission;
  - d. after taking account of categories (a) to (d), priority will be based on closeness to the school.
4. Should admission to a school not be possible due to class size or other requirements, transport will be provided to the next nearest school with available places (subject to distance limits).
5. When considering whether a child lives in a school's catchment area, the address considered is that of the parent or legal guardian, irrespective of a family's domestic arrangements, i.e. the address of another relative or childminder etc. must not be given. In certain cases it may necessary to provide evidence relating to the child(ren) in question, to show the home address of the child(ren).
6. Subject to class size and other requirements, pupils' resident outside the school's catchment area will be admitted if the admissions number of the school has not been exceeded. The event of over-subscription from outside the catchment area of the school, the sub-criteria described at (a) - (d) above will be applied to prioritise admissions.

## **Role of Parents/Carers**

Parents/carers must:

- ☐ be aware of and comply with this policy;
- ☐ apply by using the appropriate application form;
- ☐ be aware of the deadline for admission applications;
- ☐ be aware of their right of appeal if their application is unsuccessful by following the procedure as set out in the letter received from the local authority/the school;
- ☐ when preparing for the appeal parents/carers may seek help from the Children's Legal Centre or other such agencies that support parents/carers by helping with:
  - ☐ the letter of appeal
  - ☐ understanding what happens at the appeal hearing
  - ☐ how parents/carers can complain about the way the appeal was carried out.

## **Equality Impact Assessment**

Under the Equality Act 2010 we have a duty not to discriminate against people on the basis of their age, disability, gender, gender identity, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

This policy has been equality impact assessed and we believe that it is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this school.

## **Race Disparity Audit**

We acknowledge the findings of the Race Disparity Audit that clearly shows how people of different ethnicities are treated across the public services of health, education, employment and the criminal justice system.

The educational section of the audit that covers: differences by region; attainment and economic disadvantage; exclusions and abuse; and destinations, has a significant importance for the strategic planning of this school.

## **Monitoring the Implementation and Effectiveness of the Policy**

The practical application of this policy will be reviewed annually or when the need arises by the coordinator, the Headteacher and the nominated governor.

A statement of the policy's effectiveness and the necessary recommendations for improvement will be presented to the Governing Body for further discussion and endorsement.

# **ADMISSION NUMBERS 2024 / 2025 YEAR FOR SCHOOLS WITHIN THE EAST CLEVELAND COOPERATIVE LEARNING TRUST**

Admission numbers are set with regard to the assessed capacity of schools. However, these numbers may vary dependent upon future plans and developments which impact on the physical capacity of the schools. The following indicated admission numbers are based on the assessed net capacity of schools at the present time.

School (Primary)		Admission Number 2024/2025	
Belmont		60	
Chaloner		30	
Highcliffe		60	
Lockwood		30	
Lingdale		20	

We believe this school policy:

- is an essential part of the school;
- supports staff in managing certain situations;
- forms an important framework that will ensure consistency in applying values and principles throughout the establishment;
- provides guidance, consistency, accountability, efficiency, and clarity on how the school operates;
- provides a roadmap for day-to-day operations;
- ensures compliance with laws and regulations, gives guidance for decision-making, and streamlining internal processes;
- is designed to influence and determine all major decisions, actions and all activities taking place within the boundaries set by them;
- stems from the school's vision and objectives which are formed in strategic management meetings

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<b>Chair of Governing Body:</b>	Mr John Whitehead	<b>Date:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023