

Bailey Green Primary and Nursery School Together with Bailey's Butterflies



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Introduction

The governing body of Bailey Green 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 is also further explained in the statutory School Admissions Code of practice and the statutory Appeals Code of Practice.

Aims and objectives

We are an inclusive school that welcomes children from all backgrounds and abilities, in accordance with our Equal Opportunities Policy.

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, the procedure set out determines 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 may not be possible if there is excess demand on the school places available.

A child's ability level plays no part in the admissions policy of this school.

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

The school determines the admissions 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 these regulations directly from the LA.

The LA publishes a Guidelines for Parents brochure each year, which gives information about how parents can apply for a place in the school of their choice. It states clearly the criteria for admission, which are applied if a year group of the school is over-subscribed. Parents have the right to express a preference for the school of their choice and they should do so on an application form. Expressing a preference does not, in itself, guarantee a place at this school. Application forms can be obtained from the Education Office and should be completed by the date stipulated on the forms. The LA notifies parents about the school place as soon as all the applications have been considered.

There is one admissions date per year for mainstream school, early in September (i.e. at the start of the school year). Therefore parents who would like their child to be admitted to this school during the year their child is five should ensure that they complete the necessary application form.

A separate Admissions Policy applies to our Nursery.

Admissions Appeals

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.

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 meet 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, and then we will accept this and continue to do all we can to provide the best education form all the children at our school.

The Standard Number

The standard number is the number of children the school can accommodate. The standard number for our school is **30**. We keep this number under annual review and the governors will apply to change the number if circumstances allow.

Review

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