



Long Sutton County Primary School Admission to Nursery Schools and Classes Policy

The Local Authority is responsible for admissions to community and controlled nursery schools and decides the arrangements for children to go into these schools. The same policy applies to approved nursery classes within community and voluntary controlled infant and primary schools. The responsibility for deciding which children to accept has been given to individual school governing bodies. When schools offer places, they take the following reasons into account in the order set out below. (Schools must first meet their legal obligations, for example, to children with Statements of Special Educational Needs).

- a) Recognised professional opinion showing that circumstances present a particularly strong case for taking in a child. (This will apply to up to 10% of places).
- b) Medical reasons why the school or class is most suitable (for example, wheelchair access).
- c) Convenience of access, including:
 - distance of the child's home from the school;
 - whether there is another school or class the child can go to which is easy to get to; and the route from the child's home to the school or class.

This means that in most cases, pupils who live close to the school will be given a higher priority than those living further away.

- d) Brother or sister already going to the school at the time a place is needed.

The governors and Head Teacher of the school are responsible for publishing how this policy applies in the school's particular circumstance. Parents contact the school for more details.

If all those wanting places in the age group have been given places and there are spare places available, the school can consider children whose third birthday falls between 1 September and 31 December. This applies if the child is three years old at the time they start school.

There is no law to say nursery children must have a place and so there is no right of appeal against a decision not to offer a child a place at a particular nursery school or class.

Children admitted to nursery schools and classes have no special priority for admission to the reception class in any primary school; parents must complete an online application or common application form by the deadline.

All admissions information and the online application facility are at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions or more information is available from The Education Team on 01522 782030.

Review

The Headteacher, Foundation Stage Leader and Governing Body will review this policy every two years in consultation with staff.

Written – April 2015

Review – April 2017

Bill Lord
Head Teacher