



Studlands Rise First School Admissions Policy.

Introduction:

The arrangements for admitting children to first (primary) schools are set out in the booklet available to parents "Primary Education in Hertfordshire". This document is revised each year together with the list of schools in each area with their planned admission numbers.

Arrangements for admission:

In Royston, First Schools are provided for neighbourhood areas so far as is possible and, in general parents are able to seek admission for their children at schools near where they live.

Criteria for establishing priority:

At Studlands Rise we admit children up to our annual admission limit, which is 30 in all classes.

In the case of Nursery, since September 2018, there have been up to 3 admission points in the year. Most children will start in September, although some children will be admitted in the term after their third birthday in January or April.

For Reception admissions, we have a single intake in the Autumn term. The children will be deemed "rising fives" until they reach the age of five years old. From the term after they reach five years old, it is statutory for children to attend full-time education.

Where we have a class vacancy, we will admit children of other age groups at different times of the year. Again we will admit up to the annual admission limit of 30.

Criteria for allocating Nursery places:

Studlands Rise First School will offer 30 hours childcare to eligible families. For those families who are not eligible, they can access 15 hours of free childcare and have the option for paying for additional hours. The core offer of 15 hours is every morning session in the Nursery (9.00 – 12.00, Monday – Friday) In addition, lunch clubs are offered from 12.00 until 1.00 and afternoon sessions from 1.00 until 3.00 every day. Parents must apply for Nursery places following the guidelines set out in the schools own Nursery admissions procedure, detailed separately on the school website. Places will be allocated by the school following the criteria below:

1. Children who have attended our Nursery as a rising 3 year old (ie the child has joined in the Spring or Summer term following their third birthday), have a guaranteed place for the following September.

2. Children with an Education and Health Care Plan that names Studlands Rise First School as the preferred school.

3. Children who are looked after and who were children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a children arrangement order or a special guardianship order).

4. Children who are 'at risk' (or the sibling of a child 'at risk') who is the subject of an inter-agency child protection plan

5. Siblings of children in the main school that will still be in the school at the start of the next academic year (ie the sibling is currently in Reception – Year 3).
6. Children of staff members at the school.
7. Distance from nursery to home address using Google Maps. We will use post code to post code and the walking route.
8. If there is a tie break for the last place then we will use a ballot.

Responsibility for admissions:

Applications for a Nursery place should be made directly to the school, using the application form that is on the school website.

Application for admission for children starting in Reception to Year 4 should be made to Hertfordshire County Council on the Primary Application Form (PAF) available at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions

Arrangements with other authorities:

Parents living outside the County may apply for admission for their children to any Hertfordshire School. Conversely, Hertfordshire parents who wish to seek their child's admission to a school in the area of any other local education authority should apply direct to the other authority concerned.

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