

## Admission Policy

Each year, we have places available for up to 60 pupils in our Reception Year (Year R).

By law, children are required to have started school by the term after they have turned 5; most are admitted while they are still 4. We follow the County's policy for first admission to school. This means that all children are admitted in September.

### *Oversubscription*

**ALL PLACES IN SCHOOLS ARE ALLOCATED BY CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND NOT BY SCHOOLS THEMSELVES.**

Sometimes they have applications for more places than they have available. When this happens, there is a set procedure to be followed, called the County's Admissions' Policy. This determines which applicants will be offered a place at the school of their choice. Those who are unsuccessful will still be offered a place of education for their child (ie: another school).

The policy states that priority will be given to children within the following categories:

- 1 Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming that school.
- 2 Children in public care who are due to start school.
- 3 Children living within the catchment area with siblings at the school.
- 4 Children living within the catchment area with siblings at the local Junior School.
- 5 Children living within the school's designated (or catchment) area.
- 6 Children living outside the catchment area but with siblings at the school.
- 7 Children living outside the catchment area but with siblings at the Junior School.
- 8 Children living outside the catchment area within nearest proximity to the school.

Further clarification or advice may be sought from County Hall (tel: 0344 800 8001).

Parents who are unsuccessful in their initial application have a right of appeal against it if they wish to pursue it. Again, advice on this is best sought from the Area Office.