



Hill Farm Primary

ADMISSIONS POLICY 2027/28

Local Level Policy

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School Admissions Policy – September 2027-2028

Introduction

Hill Farm Primary School (the 'Academy') participates in the Local Authority co-ordinated scheme and all deadlines within this should be adhered to by applicants.

For September 2027-2028, the Academy's Published Admission Number (PAN) is 60.

2027/2028 Oversubscription Criteria

If there are more applications for a place than there are places available within the Academy's admission number, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria and in the order shown below:

Special Educational Needs

All children with an Educational Health Care Plan that name the school will be admitted before all other applicants.

1. Children who, at the time of admission, are in the care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children). Also children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order. This also includes those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

A looked-after child is defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.

2. Children who live in the catchment area served by the school, who have a brother or sister attending the school provided that the brother or sister will continue to attend that school the following year
3. Other children who live in the catchment area served by the school.
4. Children living outside the catchment area with a brother or sister who currently attends the school provided that the brother or sister will continue to attend that school the following year;
5. All other children

If it is not possible to meet all of the requests in any one of the categories described above, the Academy will prioritise the requests by reference to distance.

Definitions

Brothers and Sisters

The Academy see the benefits of children from the same family attending the same school and give priority to brother and / or sister connections in its policy for allocating places. Brothers and sisters are those children who live at the same address and either have one or both natural parents in common; are related by a parent's marriage or whose parents are living as partners. We include children who are adopted within our definition of brothers and sisters.

All brothers and sisters must still be attending the school when the applicant is due to be admitted. However, where the Academy is over subscribed no guarantee can be given that places will be available for brothers and sisters.

Distance

If it is not possible to admit all applicants in any one of the categories described above, priority will be determined by the proximity of the child's home to the Academy. A straight line measurement will be made, using a computerised mapping system, from the centre of the child's residence to the centre of the academy site. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority.

Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the Academy as described above, the admission authority will select by drawing lots, This will be supervised by someone independent of the school.

Home address

A pupil's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required.

Where documentary evidence can substantiate to the satisfaction of the Academy that care is split equally between parents at two homes, parents must name the address to be used for the purpose of allocating a school place.

If a place is offered on the basis of an address that is subsequently found to be different from a child's normal and permanent home address, then that place is liable to withdrawal.

Children of UK service personnel and other Crown Servants will be treated as meeting the residency criteria for a catchment area once proof of posting has been provided.

Catchment area

One of the aims of our Academy is to serve its neighbourhood and develop links with the local community to strengthen the Academy and the community. The area served by a school is known as the catchment area and specific details of our catchment area is available at Annex A.

Procedures

Deferred entry into Primary School

Legally a child does not have to be educated until the term after their fifth birthday. Parents may feel their child is young for their age, or there may be other reasons for wanting to delay their entry to school. This is called deferred entry.

In this situation, applications for a place should be made in the normal way. It is recommended that the parent/carer contacts the Headteacher of the School to discuss the matter in more detail prior to submitting the application. If the parent/carer decides to defer entry, a place will be reserved until the child starts as long as they start within the academic year. Parents/carers cannot assume however that that an application for a deferred entry place will be successful. It will be considered alongside all other applications.

Where a parent/carer of a summer born child wishes to defer entry until the following academic year, and wishes their child to start in reception this will mean the child is taught out of their normal age group. They should still make an application at the usual time but must notify the City Council on the application that they will wish to request a place out of the normal age group. Parents/carers will then be contacted to discuss the matter further and

should note there are no guarantees that such applications will be successful, but that each case will be considered individually. Please see “Applications out of normal age group” section below and information at [Summer-born children: advice for parents - GOV.UK](#) for further details

Part time attendance

Where the parents wish, children may attend part-time until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age.

Application out of normal age group

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group. Parents should use the standard application form and include information regarding the year group requested and the reasons for the request. The application will be considered alongside all other applications in accordance with the Coventry co-ordinated admissions scheme. Please note there is no guarantee that such applications will be successful, but each case will be considered individually. Where the application is refused the parent has a right to an appeal against the refusal of a place, unless the child has been offered a place in another year group in the school. Further information can be found here:

[guidance notes for applying to educate out of the normal chronological age group](#)

Children currently attending Hill Farm Nursery Class

Parents of children already attending Hill Farm Nursery Class will also need to complete an application form in order to request a place at the Academy. The criteria referred to on page 1 will be applied to all children regardless of whether they are currently attending Hill Farm Nursery.

Nursery children do not automatically get a place in Reception.

Late Applications

The closing date for applications in the normal admissions round is **15 January 2027**. After that date, the Local Authority will continue to receive applications but these will be considered to be late and will only be considered after all those who applied on time.

Waiting Lists

After the initial allocation of places, if a place is not available, the child's name will be automatically placed on the waiting list for Hill Farm Primary School. If places become available, the Local Authority will allocate the places in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Each time a child is added to the waiting list, the list is ranked again in line with the oversubscription criteria. Applicants may therefore move up and down the list, depending on whether others joining the list meet a higher ranked oversubscription criterion. Waiting lists will remain in operation until 31 December 2027. After this parents/carers will need to contact the Admissions Team at Local Authority if they wish to stay on the waiting list until the end of the academic year when the waiting list will be discarded.

In Year Admissions

The parent(s) or carer(s) of children seeking admission to Hill Farm Primary School should apply for a place by completing a standard admission form, available from the Local Authority. Once completed, the form should be returned to the Local Authority which co-ordinates all such applications, and the Local Authority will notify applicants of the school's admission decisions. If a place is not available in the relevant year group, parent(s) and carer(s) are entitled to appeal against this decision and if an appeal is lodged, it will be heard within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged. The applicant's name will also be placed on the school's waiting list for admission into the relevant year group. Further information on in year admissions is available from the Local Authority <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/school-admissions/primary-school-admissions/5>

Appeals

If you are unsuccessful in obtaining a place at the initial point of allocation, parents have the right to appeal to an independent panel who have the authority to exceed the Academy's admission number where appropriate.

Appeals are administered by the Local Authority and heard by an Independent Appeals Panel; the Independent Appeals Panel will be independent of the Academy Trust. The arrangements for appeals will comply with the School Admission Appeals Code published by the DfE. The determination of the appeal panel is binding on all parties. If you would like to appeal for a place you should contact Coventry City Council School Appeals Team on 024 7697 2647 / schoolappeals@coventry.gov.uk (<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/school-admissions/school-appeals>).

Annex A: Hill Farm Primary School Catchment Area

Addresses included within Hill Farm Primary School's Catchment Area:

- Alverley Road
- Anley Way
- Ballantine Road
- Bardley Drive
- Bathurst Road
- Beake Avenue (35 - 183 odd and 2 - 196 even)
- Bulwer Road
- Chelmarsh
- Chesterton Road
- Chetton Avenue
- Cheveral Avenue (71 odd and 64 even upwards)
- Chorley Way
- Conrad Road
- Corbet Road
- Dingle Close
- Engleton Road
- Foster Road including Heathcote Court
- Grangemouth Road (1 - 303 odd and 2 - 286 even)
- Hardy Road
- Harry Truslove Close
- Heathcote Street
- Highley Drive
- Holland Road
- Jaguar Close (1-15 con excl 13)
- Keresley Road (1 - 73 odd and 2 - 88 even)
- Kingsford Road
- Kinlet Close
- Middlemarch Road (51 - 321 odd and 76 - 346 even)
- Mossdale Close
- Murray Road
- Poultney Road
- Radford Road (241 odd and 318 even upwards)
- Romsley Road
- Sadler Road (1 - 115 odd and 2 - 96 even) including Greyfriars Court
- Sidbury Road
- Spires Walk (1 - 5 odd and 2 - 8 even)
- St. Augustines Walk
- Tay Road
- Telfer Road (1 - 195 odd and 2 - 176 even)
- Three Spires Avenue (90 even and 63 odd upwards)
- Treherne Road (1 - 109 odd and 2 - 108 even)
- Trimpley Drive
- Villa Road
- Warden Road
- Whaleys Croft
- Witnell Road