

## **Nursery Admission rules for Fairfield's Primary School for the school year 2017/18.**

If we receive more applications than places available for our Nursery, we will apply the following rules when allocating places:

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs which names the school will be allocated a place in accordance with section 324 of the Education Act 1996. The school will also admit any child with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan that names the school.

Parents may state their preference as to which nursery class, school or centre they would like their child to attend in the years leading up to the child's fifth birthday. However, if there are not enough places available, places will be allocated in the following order of priority:

- a) Children looked after and children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order).
- b) A child 'at risk' (or the sibling of a child 'at risk') who is the subject of an inter-agency child protection plan.
- c) Other applicants where the following criteria are considered to determine priorities:
  - 1) Children for whom it can be demonstrated that they have a particular medical or social need to go to the school.
  - 2) Children who have a sibling at the school at the time of application, unless the sibling is in the last year of the normal age-range of the school. Note: the 'normal age range' is the designated range for which the school provides.
  - 3) Any other children.

### **Tie-break**

If more children qualify under a particular rule than there are places available, a tiebreak will be used by applying the next rule to those children. If more children qualify under criterion 2 than there are places available, priority will be given to those who live nearest to the nursery as measured in a straight line. Where there is a need for a tie-breaker where two different addresses measure the same distance from a school, in the case of a block of flats for example, the lower door number will be deemed nearest as logically this will be on the ground floor and therefore closer. If there are two identical addresses of separate applicants, the tie break will be random.

The same definitions apply as outlined in the explanatory notes in the county council's schemes of coordination.

**Distance Measurement**

All distances will be by a straight-line measurement from the address point of each individual house to the address point of the school (address point data taken from AddressBase Premium dataset).

**Please note:**

For rules a, b and c (Part 1) you will need to provide written professional confirmation of the child/family circumstances. This should be sent directly to Fairfields Primary School, Rosedale Way, Cheshunt, Herts. EN7 6JG, addressed to the Head Teacher and marked 'Confidential'.

For example:

- A statement of special educational needs naming the school
- A letter/document from the relevant social worker confirming 'looked after' status or child protection issues
- A letter/document from doctor/health visitor/consultant etc confirming a child's social or medical needs.

N.B. Early application is advised if applying under rules a, b and c (Part 1) to allow enough time for information to be collected and sent to school before the date the applications close.