



# Huntingtower Community Primary Academy

## Admissions Policy for Intake 2019

This document provides a detailed set of criteria by which children will be admitted to the Academy. They also explain what criteria takes priorities, how measures are to be applied and who the authorities are that are responsible for applying the code.

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## **Grantham Huntingtower Primary Academy** **Academy Admission Policy**

In accordance with legislation the allocation of places for children with the following will take place first; Statement of Special Educational Needs (Education Act 1996) or Education, Health and Care Plan (Children and Families Act 2014). Remaining places will be allocated in accordance with this policy.

Arrangements for applications for places in Reception/Early Years at Huntingtower Community Primary Academy will be made in accordance with Lincolnshire County Council's co-ordinated admission arrangements; parents resident in Lincolnshire can apply online at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions), they can also apply by telephone, or ask for a hard copy application form, by telephoning 01522 782030. Parents resident in other areas must apply through their home local authority. Huntingtower Community Primary Academy will use the Lincolnshire County Council's timetable published online for these applications and the relevant Local Authority will make the offers of places on their behalf as required by the School Admissions Code.

Parents can request a part time placement until the term after the child's fifth birthday, they can also defer entry until later in the school year. The admission of children into Reception/Early Years is co-ordinated by Lincolnshire County Council.

For entry into Reception/Early Years in September we will allocate places to parents who return an application in line with the Local Authorities published deadline before we consider any parent who has not returned one. The admissions authority for Huntingtower Community Primary Academy is Lincolnshire County Council. As an admission authority Lincolnshire County Council have the right to investigate any concerns they may have about your application and to withdraw the offer of a place if we consider there is evidence that you have made a fraudulent claim or provided misleading information, for example a false address was given which denied a place to a child with a stronger claim. They reserve the right to check any address and other information provided so they can apply the oversubscription criteria accurately and fairly.

The governors will accept admissions into other year groups if there are places. These applications need to be made through the admissions authority and can be made at the following website, [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions), you can also apply by telephone, or ask for a hard copy application form, by telephoning 01522 782030. If there are more applications than places then the oversubscription criteria will be used to decide who should be offered the place. If there are no places then you will be told of the independent appeal system. We only admit up to PAN in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and we only admit to PAN in other year groups.

The school's published admission number (PAN) is 60.

The oversubscription criteria are listed in the order we apply them. Words marked with a number, for example 1, 2 and 3 are explained separately in the definition and notes section.

### **Oversubscription criteria**



- A. A “looked after child” and all previously “looked after children” as defined in note 1.
- B. There is a brother or sister (2) on roll at the school at the time of application.
- C. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. (3)
- D. The school is the nearest one to the home address, as defined by straight line distance in note 4.
- E. The distance from the home to the school, priority will be given to the child living closest the school, as defined in note 4.

### **Definitions and notes**

1. A “looked after child” is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child-arrangements order or special guardianship order). This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children’s Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders). Child arrangements orders are defined in s.8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by s.12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a ‘special guardianship order’ as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child’s special guardian (or special guardians).

### **2. Brother or sister.**

A full brother or sister, whether or not resident in the same household.

Another child normally living for the majority of term time in the same household, where an adult in the household has parental responsibility as defined by the Children Act 1989. Or any child in the household where an adult in the household is defined as a parent for the purposes of Section 576 of the Education Act 1996.

### **Twins and other siblings from a multiple birth**

In these cases, all the children will be considered together as one application. If one or more can be admitted within the published admission number the school will be allowed to go above its admission number as necessary to admit all the children, unless this would make the class too large. The government’s school admissions code makes an exception to the infant class limit in this situation. Alternatively, they could be offered a place in another school and if this school qualifies for free transport it will be provided on application.

### **Brothers and sisters in the same year group**

Where there is only one place available in the school the children will be considered together as one application. The school will be allowed to go above its admission number as necessary to admit all the children except in cases where infant class regulations prevent this from happening. If this happens we can only legally offer one place because the government’s school admissions code makes no exception to the infant class size limit for siblings in the same year group. Admissions will offer the



parent one place for one child and a different school for the other child or children. Alternatively, Admissions could offer all the children a place in another school and if this school qualifies for free transport it will be provided for all of them.

### 3. Staff

Staff are defined as all staff on the payroll of the academy.

### 4. Straight Line Distance

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By home, we mean the address where the child lives for the majority of the school term time with a parent who has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act 1989. Or any child in the household where an adult in the household is defined as a parent for the purposes of Section 576 of the Education Act 1996. This could include a person who is not a parent but who has responsibility for her or him.

It could include a child's guardians but will not usually include other relatives such as grandparents, aunts, uncles etc. unless they have all the rights, duties, powers and responsibilities and authority, which by law a parent of a child has in relation to the child and their property.

Where your child lives normally during the school week with more than one parent at different addresses, the home address for the purposes of school admissions will be that of the parent who lives closest, as measured by straight line distance, to the school in question.

If you have more than one home, we will take as the home address the address where you and your child normally live for the majority of the school term time.

The nearest address to the school is found by measuring straight line distance as calculated by Lincolnshire County Council school admissions team from the Post Office Address Point of the home to the Post Office Address Point of the school.

5. If any of the oversubscription criteria have too many applicants then the tie-break will be by distance using the method in note 4.

### 6. Reserve list

For admission into the intake year, the governors will keep a waiting list which we call a reserve list. If we have to refuse a place at our school your child is automatically put on the reserve list, unless you have been offered a higher preference school. This list is in the order of the oversubscription criteria, as required by the school admissions code. This means that names can move down the list if someone moves into the area and is higher placed under the oversubscription criteria. The governors must not take



account of the time you have been on the list.

For the intake year, the list is kept by the until the end of August. After this we keep the reserve list until the end of the autumn term.

We do keep a reserve list for mid-year admissions and will keep names and contact details. If/when a place becomes available, we will contact those who wished to be contacted and you will be requested to apply for the place through the Local Authority midyear admissions process. The same oversubscription criteria will be applied once an application has been received and you will be notified of the outcome.

#### 7. Appeals

The procedures for appeals relating to admissions will be in accordance with all relevant legislation. They are independent and entirely separate from the admission system. The decision of the appeal panel is binding on all parties. If you are appealing you should send your appeal to the school by the required date.

#### 8. Mid-year admissions

The governors will accept admissions into other year groups if there are places. These applications need to be made through the admissions authority and can be made at the following website, [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions), you can also apply by telephone, or ask for a hard copy application form, by telephoning 01522 782030. If there are more applications than places then the oversubscription criteria will be used to decide who should be offered the place. If there are no places then you will be told of the independent appeal system. We only admit up to PAN in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

#### 9. Fair Access

The government has stated that all local authorities must have a Fair Access agreement that allows hard to place children, for example those that have been permanently excluded, to be given a place before any oversubscription criteria are applied and before anyone is considered from the reserve list. Such children are shared out to make sure no one school has to take too many of these children.

#### 10. Tie-Breaker

If two or more children are tied for the last place a lottery will be drawn by an independent person, not employed by the school or working in Children's Service Directorate at the local authority.

#### 11. Service Personnel

For families of service personnel with a confirmed posting to the area, or crown servants returning to live in the area from overseas, the Governors will:

- Allocate a place in advance of the family arriving in the area provided the application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date and a Unit postal address or quartering area address to use when considering the application against the school's oversubscription criteria.
- Accept a Unit postal address or quartering area address for admissions purposes for a service child.

The Governors will not refuse a service child a place because the family does not currently live in the area.



## 12. Admission of Children Outside their Normal Age Group

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. Parents wishing to make these requests must contact their home local authority for guidance on the procedure to follow.

It is important for parents to note that they will have the opportunity and responsibility to provide whatever evidence they wish to support their request. Huntingtower Community Primary Academy will make decisions on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned.

This will include taking account of:

- the parent's views;
- any available information about the child's academic, social and emotional development;
- where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional;
- whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group;
- any evidence that the child may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely
- the views of the head teacher

## 13. Deferring Date of Entry

Huntingtower Community Primary Academy school provides for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday. Where we have offered a child a place at our school;

a) that child is entitled to a full-time place in the September following their fourth birthday;

b) the child's parents can defer the date their child is admitted to the school until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which it was made, whichever is the sooner;

c) 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.

Parents interested in deferring admission or arranging part-time attendance must contact the school to discuss this.

The Academy, or the admission authority, have the right to investigate applications and withdraw places offered on the basis of misleading information.