

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALL THURROCK COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2011/2012

SCHOOLS INCLUDED

Abbots Hall Primary, Arthur Bugler Infant, Arthur Bugler Junior, Aveley Primary, Benyon Primary, Bonnygate Primary, Bulphan CE Primary, Chadwell St Mary Primary, Chafford Hundred Primary, Corringham Primary, Deneholm Primary, Dilkes Primary, East Tilbury Infant, Giffards Primary, Graham James Primary, Herringham Primary, Lansdowne Primary, Little Thurrock Primary, Tilbury Manor Infant & Nursery, Tilbury Manor Junior, Purfleet Primary, Quarry Hill Infant, Quarry Hill Junior, Shaw Primary, Somers Heath Primary, Stanford-le-Hope Primary, Stifford Clays Infant, Stifford Clays Junior, Stifford Primary, Thameside Infant, Thameside Junior, Tudor Court Primary, Warren Primary, West Thurrock Primary, Woodside Primary.

If there are no more requests for places at a school than the published number it can admit, then the Local Authority is able to agree to all requests. Where there are more applicants than places, the Local Authority is required to have criteria for deciding which requests have priority.

These form the Local Authority's Admissions Policy, which is published annually in the booklet Primary Education in Thurrock and on Thurrock Council's website.

The criteria are set out below in priority order:

1. Children in Public Care will automatically be given first consideration above all categories of priority.
2. **For junior schools only: Children transferring from partner infant school. (Year three admissions only)**
3. Children whose normal place of residence is in the catchment area of the school at the date of application and admission.
4. Children whose normal place of residence is outside the catchment area of the school at the date of application and admission.

Children with a sibling attending the school (or the partner junior school in the case of an infant school or the partner infant school in the case of a junior school) at the date of application and admission are first priority in **three** and **four** above.

- Distance from home to school (measured in a straight-line in metres by a digital mapping system) will be used to allocate places. Pupils living nearer to the school being given higher priority.
The straight-line distance measurement is taken from the front door of the home address to the main school gate.

Schools that have a different measuring point are:

Chafford Hundred Primary – West Gate
Stifford Clays Infant/Junior – North Gate
Thameside Infants – Gate Two
Tudor Court Primary – West Gate

- Sibling details: For the purpose of allocating places, the following will be classified as siblings:
 - Full siblings living at the same address.
 - Step siblings living at the same address.
 - Half siblings living at the same address.
 - Long-term foster siblings living at the same address at the date of application and admission.

Twins and Multiple Births

If more than one child is entitled to the last place in a year group, (as in the case of twins/multiple births or same distance measurement), the Local Authority will endeavour to find two or more places at an alternative school within reasonable travelling distance.

If this is not possible the one available place will be offered using the system of 'Random Allocation' (a lottery).

This process will be administered by Thurrock Pupil Admissions and supervised by an independent witness.

Special Education Needs

Children with a statement of special education needs are allocated school places under different regulations and will override all other categories of priority.

Special Cases

- The Local Authority may also give priority for admission to a child where there are other exceptional social, medical or educational reasons for admission to a particular school. These reasons, and any supporting evidence, e.g. from a doctor, social worker or educational psychologist, etc. **must** be submitted with the application for admission.
The Director of Children, Education and Families, designated Pupil Admissions Officer and/or the Portfolio Holder for Children and Learning may consider such applications.

Admission of children below compulsory school age.

For admissions to the 2011-12 school year, and subsequent years, admissions authorities for primary schools must provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday.

- The arrangements do not apply to those being admitted for nursery provision, including nursery provision delivered in a co-located children's centre.
- Parents of children who are admitted for nursery provision **must** apply for a place at the school if they want their child to transfer to the reception class.
- Attendance at the nursery or co-located children's centre does not guarantee admission to the school.
- Parents can request that the date their child is admitted to the school is deferred until later in the school year, or until the child reaches compulsory school age in the school year for which the original application was accepted.
- Parents can request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

These arrangements are now the Admissions Policy for all Thurrock Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary/Infant Schools from September 2011.