

**Introduction**

- This document is a statement of the aims, principles and strategies for Admissions to school.
- It was reviewed in May 2015 through a process of consultation with the governing body and staff.
- This policy will be further reviewed every 3 years. A schedule for the review of this, and all other policy documents is set out in the School/Governors 3 year rolling programme.

**Nursery Admissions**

At present we have 13 morning and 13 afternoon places in our nursery class:

- the Nursery is designed to serve the Upper Dale as well as our immediate catchment area
- children are eligible for a place once they are 3 years of age
- places are allocated on an age basis through request
- we take into special account social need and recommendations from the Health Visitor
- parents have the right of appeal to the Governors' Appeals Committee if they feel their request for a place has been turned down unfairly
- morning or afternoon sessions are available which includes lunch time for morning sessions if required up to 5 sessions in line with the NY policy
- additional sessions can be purchased subject to availability and numbers.

**Main School Admissions**

- compulsory school age begins the term after a child's fifth birthday
- the school reserves the right to recommend part time schooling for children under 5 if it feels it is in the best interest of the child
- we admit children in the school year at the start of the Autumn term, in which their fifth birthday falls
- if parents wish to wait until compulsory school age they are encouraged to discuss this with the Headteacher
- see [www.northyorks.gov.uk/](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/) school admissions

**Out of Catchment Area Places in the Main School**

The school catchment area is Pateley Bridge, Beverley, Greenhow, the immediate Upper Dale and the Ripon Road as far as Fellbeck.

Places for children who live outside these areas are secured by:

- Applying on line or in writing to the local Education Office the term before entry is required
- parents would be responsible for the cost of any transport
- if the school is over subscribed (the number of requests for places is more than the statutory admission limit is 17) priority is given to: - see attached list
- if the local Education Office is unable to comply with your preference you may lodge an appeal (see web address above for details).

## PRIORITY FOR ADMISSIONS 2015/2016

<b><u>ORDER OF PRIORITY:</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
<b><u>First priority</u></b> Children with a statement of special educational needs naming the school concerned.	
<b><u>Second priority</u></b> Children who are recommended by the Director of CYPS, including children in the care of a local authority, or by the appropriate designated medical officer.	<i>We will only consider applications in this category if they are supported by a recommendation from a doctor, social worker or other appropriate professional which says that it is essential the child to go to the preferred school and no other.</i>
<b><u>Third priority</u></b> Children from homes with poor housing conditions or overcrowding, or from a background which could affect the child's normal educational development.	<i>This should be supported by the recommendation of a doctor, social worker or other professional.</i>
<b><u>Fourth priority</u></b> Children within the normal catchment area of the school. Giving priority to the oldest children first.	
<b><u>Fifth priority</u></b> Children from outside the school's normal catchment area, giving priority to those whose home is nearest to the school first.	

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