

## 2. Admissions

### ADMISSIONS POLICY

Children become of statutory school age, and therefore must start school no later than, at the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday. Northamptonshire's Admissions Policy allow all children whose fifth birthday falls between 1st September and 31st August the opportunity to start school part-time for the first half-term of the Autumn Term, subject to the needs of individual pupils. Thereafter pupils would be entitled to attend on a full-time basis unless it was considered that further part-time attendance would be in the best educational interests of the child. This gives children the opportunity of completing their first year of primary education during the school year in which they become five. This County Policy makes no change to the minimum statutory school age as explained above.

### CATCHMENT AREA

Oundle CE Primary School serves the designated area of the town of Oundle, together with Stoke Doyle, Ashton, Tansor, Cotterstock, Lower Benefield and Upper Benefield, Barnwell, Luddington and Thurning. The school's standard admission number is 54.

Children from outside the designated area may take up a place in the school if the standard number for that year has not been reached. Governors will accept all children from this designated area, up to the number in each year, regardless of race, colour, ethnic or national origin, creed or disability. Oundle Primary School offers equality of opportunity to all its pupils.

Governors may agree to admit a number of children in excess of 54 in any year if there are surplus places in other years in the school.

On the occasions when the school places are over-subscribed, Governors will allocate available places using the following prioritised criteria:

1. Children living in the school's designated area
2. Children who already have siblings in the school
3. Other children living closest to the school
4. Children who have religious reasons for attending the school
5. Children who have medical reasons for attending the school



## APPEALS

The Education Act 1980 allows appeals to be made against the allocation of a place at a school which does not meet with the preference expressed by a parent. In these circumstances parents are advised to write to the following address to request that the position be reviewed:

Tracey Finney

Admissions Officer, Northamptonshire County Council Children and Young Peoples Service,  
PO Box 216, John Dryden House, 8-10 The Lakes, Northampton NN4 7DD

Telephone: (01604) 236130

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When distance is used to decide which children will be offered places at a Primary School, this will be measured by the shortest practical walking route. It may also be necessary to decide whether routes are safe for pupils to walk.

## ADMISSION PROCEDURES

If you are moving to the area and have children who are already of school age, all you have to do is complete the admission form, return it to the school and we will sort out classes, etc. as soon as possible. There is a designated catchment area for Oundle CE Primary School and any children transferring to us from other schools must live within its boundaries to be guaranteed a place. A map of the catchment area is included at the back of this booklet.

Any families moving out of the area may keep their children here if they so wish or they may transfer them to the school which serves the area they have moved to. Under the 'sibling' rule any younger brothers or sisters can be enrolled at Oundle CE Primary School even if you are living outside the area, provided you already have at least one child here and places are available.

Once you have had chance to read the school brochure and complete the admissions form, we would like you and your children to visit us. You can have a look around the school and we can answer any questions you may have so please contact us to make an appointment.

For those of you who have children approaching school age, the admission procedure is as follows :

For the first few weeks of the Autumn Term Reception children will attend school on a part-time basis only. You will be notified of the details nearer the time.

The induction programme for all reception children and their parents takes place in the Summer Term prior to starting school. Children will have the opportunity to visit school on a number of occasions to meet their teachers and mix with the other children who will be in their class. Parents will have the opportunity to find out much more about Oundle Primary School and how we provide for the children. There will also be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and meet many of the people who will be responsible for various aspects of your child's education or development. An Induction Pack containing a range of information about the school and the build-up to starting school will be issued to parents during the Summer Term.