



STATUTORY (C) POLICY

Admissions Policy 2019-2020



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Policy Review

The following list must be completed prior to submission to the relevant Governing Body meeting/HT for approval.

Links with other Policies	
Model or Locally Produced	
Are changes to model policy or previous policy clearly identified (e.g. track changes)	
In the view of the HT is the policy related to High, Medium or Low Risk activity to the school	
What are the likely consequences to school of non-compliance	
Are the governors/SLT accountabilities clearly identified	
Are other accountabilities clearly identified	
Are there any particular issues/risks associated with implementation/operation of policy	
How will policy effectiveness be evaluated	
How will HT report to governors on effectiveness and when	
When will the policy next be due for renewal (for statutory compliance)	
Does the policy impact on available resources	



1. Introduction

This policy will be used during 2018/19 for allocating places in the main admission round for entry to Year 3 in September 2019. It will also apply to in-year admissions during 2019/20.

Hampshire County Council is the admission authority for Elson Junior School. The admission arrangements are determined by the County Council, after statutory consultations.

The published admission number (PAN) for Elson Junior School for 2019-2020 is **90**.

The County Council will consider first all those applications received by the published deadline of **midnight on Tuesday 15 January 2019. Notifications to parents offering a primary or infant school place will be sent by the County Council on 16 April 2019.**

Applications made after midnight on 15 January 2019 will be considered after all on-time applications have been fully processed unless exceptional circumstances merit consideration alongside on-time applications.

For the normal admission round, all on time preferences will be considered simultaneously and ranked in accordance with the admission criteria. If more than one school can offer a place, the parent's highest stated available preference will be allocated.

2. Pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan

Any child with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming Elson Junior School will be admitted. Where possible such children will be admitted within the PAN.

3. Oversubscription criteria

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan naming the school, priority for admission will be given to children in the following priority order:

- i. Looked after children or children who were previously looked after (*see Definitions i*).
- ii. (For applications in the normal admission round only) Children or families with an exceptional medical and/or social need (*see definition ii*). Supporting evidence from a professional is required such as a doctor and/or consultant for medical needs or a social worker, health visitor, housing officer, the police or probation officer for social needs. This evidence must confirm the child or family's medical or social need and why that need(s) makes it essential that the child attends Elson Junior School rather than any other. If evidence is not submitted by the application deadline, the medical and/or social need cannot be considered.
- iii. Children of staff (*see definition iii*) who have, (1) been employed at Elson Junior School for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, or (2) have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- iv. Children living **in** the catchment area (*see definition iv*) of Elson Junior School who at the time of application have a sibling (*see definition v*) on the roll of Elson Junior School or Elson Infant School who will still be on roll at the time of admission. [See 8 for additional children who may be considered under this criterion.]
- v. Children living **out** of the catchment who were allocated a place at Elson Infant School in the normal admission round in a previous year because the child was displaced (*see definition vi*) from the catchment school for their address, and they remain living in the catchment area.



- vi. Other children living **in** the catchment area of Elson Junior School.
- vii. Children living **out** of the catchment area who at the time of application have a sibling (*see definition v*) on the roll of Elson Junior School or Elson Infant School who will still be on roll at the time of admission. [Where a sibling was allocated a place at the school or Elson Infant School in the normal admission round in a previous year because the child was displaced (*see definition vi*) from the catchment school for their address, the application will be considered under 4, above, subject to the siblings still living in the catchment area for the school from which they were displaced. In future normal admissions rounds a younger sibling will be considered to have been displaced where they were allocated a place at Elson Junior School or Elson Infant School under this criterion as a consequence of their elder sibling's displacement and are still living in the catchment area for the school from which they were displaced].
- viii. Children living **out** of the catchment area who at the time of application are on the roll at Elson Infant School.
- ix. Other children.

4. Definitions

(i) Looked after children are defined as those who are (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). Previously looked after children are those who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption order, child arrangements order, or special guardianship order. An adoption order is an order under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or section 12 of the Adoption Act 1976. Child arrangements orders are defined in section 8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by section 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).

(ii) Applicants will only be considered under this criterion if on the application form (online or paper) they have ticked the appropriate box explicitly indicating that they wish for their application to be considered under medical / social need. 'Medical need' does not include mild medical conditions, such as asthma or allergies. 'Social need' does not include a parent's wish that a child attends the school because of a child's aptitude or ability or because their friends attend the school or because of routine child minding arrangements. Priority will be given to those children whose evidence establishes that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to children whose evidence establishes that their parents'/guardians' physical or mental health or social needs mean that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Evidence must confirm the circumstances of the case and must set out why the child should attend a particular school and why no other school could meet the child's needs. Providing evidence does not guarantee that a child will be given priority at a particular school and in each case a decision will be made based on the merits of the case and whether the evidence demonstrates that a placement should be made at one particular school above any other.

(iii) 'Staff' includes all those on the payroll of the school. 'Children of staff' refers to situations where the staff member is the natural parent, the legal guardian or a resident step parent.

(iv) A map of Elson Junior School's catchment area can be viewed on the school's details page on the Hampshire County Council website www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/findaschool.

(v) 'Sibling' refers to brother or sister, half brother or half sister, adoptive brother or adoptive sister, foster brother or sister, step brother or step sister living as one family unit at the same address. It will also be applied to situations where a full, half or adopted brother or sister are living at separate addresses. Criteria 4 and 8 include children who at the time of application have a sibling for whom the offer of a place at the preferred school or linked infant school has been accepted, even if the sibling is not yet attending.

(vi) 'Displaced' refers to a child who was refused a place at the catchment school in the normal admissions round having named it in the application and was not offered a higher named preference school.



5. Tie-breaker

If the school is oversubscribed from within any of the above categories, straight line distance will be used to prioritise applications; applicants living nearer the school have priority. Distances will be measured from the Ordnance Survey home address point to the school address point using Hampshire County Council's Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Distances to multiple dwellings will give priority to the ground floor over the first floor and so on. On individual floors, distances will be measured to the stairs leading to the communal entrance. Where two or more applicants are equidistant, random allocation will be used to allocate the place. An explanation of the random allocation procedure is available on the County website.

6. Additional Information

6.1 Permanent Residence

The child's permanent residence is where they live, normally including weekends and during school holidays as well as during the week, and should be used for the application. The permanent address of children who spend part of their week with one parent and part with the other, at different addresses, will be the address at which they spend most of their time.

6.2 Multiple births

Where a twin or child from a multiple birth is admitted to a school under this policy then any further twin or child of the same multiple birth will be admitted, if the parents so wish, even though this may raise the number in the year group above the school's PAN.

6.3 Fair Access placements by the local authority

Outside the normal admission round, it may sometimes be necessary for a pupil to be placed by the local authority, or a local placement panel acting on behalf of the authority, in a particular school even if there is a waiting list for admission. Such placements will be made in accordance with Hampshire County Council's Fair Access Protocol. The Protocol is based on legislation and government guidance.

6.4 Waiting lists

When all available places have been allocated, waiting lists will be operated by schools on behalf of the local authority. Any places that become available will be offered to the child at the top of the list at that time. The waiting list is ordered according to the criteria of the admission policy with no account being taken of the length of time on the waiting list or any priority order expressed as part of the main admission round. Fair Access admissions and school closure arrangements will take priority over the waiting list.

The waiting list will be reviewed and revised –

- each time a child is added to, or removed from, the waiting list
- when a child's changed circumstances affect their priority

At the time of receiving an application decision from the County Council or a school, parents will be advised of the process for adding their child's name to a school's waiting list. Parents may keep their child's name on the waiting list of as many schools as they wish.

The waiting list will be maintained until 31 August 2020, at which point all names will be removed. Should parents wish their child to be considered for a place at the school in the following school year, they should complete and submit a fresh in-year application in the August preceding the new school year. Schools will send a decision letter within the first 10 days of the new term.