



## Admissions Policy 2026/2027

The published number is **12 children**. All children will be admitted unless there are more applicants than places in which case the Governors will make allocations using the following criteria.”

They are:

1. Any child “looked after” or previously “looked after” (i.e. in public care) giving priority, if necessary, to the youngest child.
2. Children from within the catchment area who have siblings in the school at the time of their admission, giving priority to those with the youngest siblings. (*Siblings are considered to be; brothers and sisters are those living at the same address including step, adopted and foster children*)
3. Children from outside the catchment area who have siblings in the school at the time of their admission who were directed by the LA in the absence of a place being available in their catchment school. (*If parents feel they qualify under this criterion, they should be prepared to provide evidence.*)
4. Children from within the catchment area with exceptional social, medical or educational needs. (*If parents feel there is exceptional social, medical or educational need they must provide full details at the time of application. We would be justified in seeking verification from medical, social work or other agencies. Priority can only be given on these grounds if we are satisfied that the child’s needs can only be met at Oughterside.*)
5. Other children from within the catchment area, giving priority to those for whom access to an alternative school is the most problematic.
6. Children from outside the catchment area who have siblings in the school at the time of their admission, giving priority to those with the youngest siblings. (*The criteria outlined above will be strictly followed there being one exception. If a child has an EHCP naming Oughterside School then irrespective of the criteria the child will be admitted, in these circumstances the Governors have a statutory duty to admit the child concerned.*)
7. Children from outside the catchment area with exceptional social, medical or educational needs. (*A map of the catchment area is available in school for parents to view.*)
8. Children from outside the catchment area, giving priority to those who live closest to the school, measured in a straight line on the map.

