



GATLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY

This policy outlines the regulations on admissions applied by Gatley Primary School fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend this school. The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 introduced a new framework for school admissions as of September 2000, and later revised in the Education Act of 2002. The following is compliant with the Department for Education's School Admissions Codes of Practice 2014 and Appeals Code of Practice 2012.

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Admissions arrangements

Introduction

The admission authority for Gatley Primary School is Gatley Primary Governing Board who work in partnership with the Stockport Admissions Support and Advice Team. These arrangements are in line with legislation and statutory guidance (School Admissions Code 2014) and designed to ensure there is a fair admissions procedure for all applicants, and to help guide parents through the application process.

These arrangements will apply to all admissions from September 2019 including in-year admissions.

Closing date for applications for school year 2019/2020: [15 January 2019]

Any applications received after this date will be considered after those applications received before the closing date.

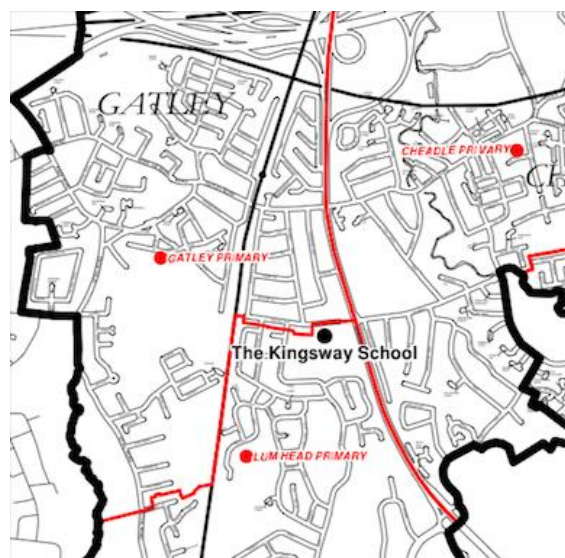


Figure 1: Gatley Primary Catchment Map

1. Admissions procedure

For the school year commencing September 2019 the planned admissions number (PAN) is 40 for entry into Nursery, 60* for entry into Reception with all other year groups set at 60.

*For 2019 the school will be admitting above its PAN of 60 to accommodate a growing community

1.1 Applying for a place

Gatley Primary welcomes applications. We have two main intake levels; Nursery/Reception. We encourage entry at these times so as to aid the progression of the child academically without interruption, however, children are welcome to apply for entry in any year.

Parents are encouraged to visit the school with their child if they are planning to apply for a place and we have a number of open days during the year. Arrangements for visits outside of these dates can be made through the school office.

Children are admitted to the school using the criteria outlined in this document. In no way does the academic ability of the child come into consideration when places at the school are being allocated. Parents are invited to express a

preference for the school, but it is up to the Stockport Admissions Support and Advice Team to advise on which children will be given a place in accordance with this policy.

Note: Please see Stockport's Admissions Explained Guidance for further information on this: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/admissions-explained> including information for late applications, how they are handled and deadlines for submitting changed information.

1.2 Oversubscription

Where there are more applications than places available and after the admission of children with an Education Health & Care Plan (EHCP) that names the school, applications will be prioritised with the following oversubscription criteria:

NB: Categories A – F refer to applications received by the closing date: 15th January 2019 A.

- A. Looked after children and previously looked after children
- B. Children considered to have 'highly exceptional medical/social reasons'
- C. Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- D. Children who live in the catchment area of the school
- E. Children who live outside the catchment area of the school and have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- F. Any other applicants, in order of straight-line distance measured between home and the school
- G. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-F above

Note: Please see the Stockport Admission Policy for information on tie breakers, siblings and principal parental address. [Stockport Admissions Policy and Procedures](#)
Also see the School Admissions Code 2014 paragraphs 1.10–1.40 for 'commonly used criteria'

1.4 Children with special educational needs or a disability (SEND)

The school must admit all children who have a EHCP where this school is named.

Children who have special educational needs but who do not have a EHCP will be treated equally to all other applicants in the admissions process. This includes children who may need extra support or reasonable adjustments to be made. See our Inclusion, Equality and Diversity Policy/SEN Information Report for details of special educational provision provided by the school.

1.5 In-year admissions

The process for in-year admissions is the same for admissions at the start of the academic year.

In-year admissions applicants should contact Stockport Admissions Support and Advice Team. In-year admissions usually take place after a half term. <http://www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmission>

The governing board has the right to refuse the admission of children who have been permanently excluded from two or more schools, if the last time was less than two years ago.

In-year fair access protocol

Gatley Primary School participates in the Fair Access Protocol which is implemented by the Stockport Admissions Support and Advice Team.

2. Offers

Note: Places cannot be guaranteed at Gatley Primary School.

After the closing date of the 15 January 2019, the Stockport Admissions Support and Advice Team apply the Published Admission Policy Oversubscription Criteria to decide which children can be offered places at the school. Parents will receive an email in April and notification letters will also be sent out by post.

Should circumstances change then parents/carers must inform the Stockport Admissions Support and Advice Team immediately. Places which are subsequently found to have changed without notifying the team will be subject to further investigation and withdrawn.

The Admissions Support and Advice Team request documentary evidence from parents/carers. This is to prove the validity of the principal parental address. Documentary evidence provided needs to prove ownership/tenancy at an address and in the case of house moves; disposal of the previous property. In addition to this, the admission authority (Governing Board) at Gatley Primary School reserves the right to seek evidence to be presented at the school prior to admission.

The school may withdraw its offer of a place if it is found that the place was offered based on a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application. The offer may also be withdrawn if the Stockport Admissions Support and Advice Team has not heard back from the parent or carer of the child in writing within the 10 days' acceptance period. The Stockport Admissions Support and Advice Team will always chase the parent in writing for a response and seek consultation with Gatley Primary Governing Board, prior to withdrawing the offer.

3. Appeals

Parents or carers can appeal to the independent appeal panel against refusal of admission to the school. The independent appeal panel will act in accordance with the framework set out in the School Admission Appeals Code 2012. In order to ensure a fair appeals process, the members of the panel are independent from the local authority.

A child is allowed to be on the school waiting list while lodging an appeal and the appeal will not affect their position on the list. The decision of the appeals panel is binding on the admissions authority.

4. Waiting list

The Stockport Admissions Support and Advice Team operates a waiting list which is maintained until at least the autumn term of the year of entry. Parents may request that their child is placed on the waiting list. The list will set out the priority for places in the same order set out in the oversubscription criteria. When additional children request a place on the waiting list, the list will be re-ordered in line with the oversubscription criteria. The child may gain entry to the school if the number of pupils falls below the admissions limit of the school.

If a child on the waiting list is offered a position at the school, they will be notified by letter and will have the option of accepting or rejecting the place within 10 days.

5. Changes to admission arrangements

The admission arrangements for the school may be changed by the admission authority in accordance with the requirements of the School Admissions Code 2014. There will be an opportunity for consultation in accordance with the Code.

Parents must notify the school immediately if there are any changes that may affect their child's application, such as a change of address. Where the child has multiple addresses, the address given to the school should be the one where the child spends the majority of the school week. If it is an equal split, the parents must decide which address to give.

6. Contacts

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