

P7CKERING COMMUNITY INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

**NYCC ADMISSIONS POLICY
ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/18**

Approved by the Full Governing Body 17th January 2017

Stephen Knight.....Chairperson

The Nursery admission limit is 52 part-time places.

Children whose fourth birthday is between September 1st and August 31st are normally admitted to the Nursery in the September of that academic year (up to the current admission limit of 52 places).

The Governors abide by the terms of North Yorkshire County Council general regulations/ policy governing the admission of children to Nursery classes

Waiting lists for the Nursery will be maintained and will be in date of birth order and with regard to the admissions criteria shown overleaf, not on a basis of first come first served.

Catchment area

The school's normal catchment area is that of the town of Pickering and the minor parishes of Stape, Newton-upon-Rawcliffe, Middleton, Aislaby, Wrelton, Kirby Misperton, Lockton, Levisham and Low Marishes.

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All governing bodies are required to admit to the school a child with a statement of special needs that names the school. This is not an oversubscription criterion. This relates only to children who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final statement of special educational needs (SEN) or Education Health & Care Plan (EHP) has been issued.

Where the number of applications exceeds the number of places the Governing Body will use the following oversubscription criteria to prioritise applications.

ORDER OF PRIORITY:	<i>Notes</i>
<p><u>First priority:</u> Looked after children and all previously looked after children for whom the school has been expressed as a preference. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted¹ or became subject to a child arrangement order² or special guardianship order.</p>	<p><i>This applies to all looked-after children, including those who are in the care of another local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services function at the time of making an application.</i> <i>In the case of previously looked after children, a copy of the relevant documentation will be required in support of the application.</i> <i>1This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 and Children who were adopted under the Adopted & Childrens Act 2002.</i> <i>2Child Arrangement Orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a Child Arrangement Order.</i></p>
<p><u>Second priority:</u> Children who are recommended by the Director of Children and Young Peoples Service, including children in the care of a local authority, or by the appropriate designated medical officer.</p>	<p><i>Note: 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 sets out the particular reason(s) why the school in question is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.</i></p>
<p><u>Third priority:</u> Children from homes with poor housing conditions or overcrowding, or from a background which could affect the child's normal educational development.</p>	<p><i>Note: this should be supported by the recommendation of a doctor, social worker or other appropriate professional.</i></p>
<p><u>Fourth priority:</u> Children within the normal area of the school, giving priority to the oldest children first.</p>	
<p><u>Fifth priority:</u> Children from outside the school's normal area, giving priority to those whose home is nearest to school first.</p>	

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The schools normal admission limit is 75 full time places.

Reception admission

All children whose fifth birthdays are between September 1st and August 31st are normally admitted full-time in September to a Reception class.

It may be appropriate in exceptional circumstances for your child to do things differently; please come and talk to the Headteacher if you feel this is the case. The interests of your child would always be our main consideration.

Year 1/ Year 2 admission

Parents wishing to transfer their child to Pickering Infants School are required to complete a North Yorkshire Common Application Form. The local education office and the school will liaise to organise admission in line with NYCC criteria.

Catchment area

The school's normal catchment area is that of the town of Pickering and the minor parishes of Stape, Newton-upon-Rawcliffe, Middleton, Aislaby, Wrelton, Kirby Misperton, Lockton, Levisham and Low Marishes. Children from out of area who apply to attend the school are referred to the Area Education Officer.

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All governing bodies are required by section 324 of the Education Act 1996 to admit to the school a child with a statement of special needs that names the school. This is not an oversubscription criterion. This relates only to children who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final statement of special educational needs (SEN) has been issued. If the number of applications exceeds the Published Admission Number (PAN), after the admission of children where the school is named in the statement of special educational needs (SEN) or Education Health & Care Plan the following oversubscription criteria will apply:

ORDER OF PRIORITY:	<i>Notes</i>
<p><u>Priority Group 1:</u></p> <p>Looked after children and all previously looked after children for whom the school has been expressed as a preference. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted¹ or became subject to a child arrangement order² or special guardianship order.</p>	<p><i>This applies to all looked-after children, including those who are in the care of another local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services function at the time of making an application.</i></p> <p><i>In the case of previously looked after children, a copy of the relevant documentation will be required in support of the application.</i></p> <p><i>1 This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 and Children who were adopted under the Adopted & Childrens Act 2002.</i></p> <p><i>2 Child Arrangement Orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a Child Arrangement Order.</i></p>
<p><u>Priority Group 2:</u></p> <p>Children the Authority believes have special social or medical reasons for admission.</p>	<p><i>We will only consider applications on social or medical grounds if they are supported by a professional recommendation from a doctor, social worker, or other appropriate professional. The supporting evidence should set out the particular social or medical reason(s) why the school in question is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.</i></p> <p><i>Panels of professionally qualified people will consider all applications made under priority group 2.</i></p>
<p><u>Priority Group 3:</u></p> <p>Children living within the normal area of the school.</p>	
<p><u>Priority Group 4:</u></p> <p>Children living outside the normal area of the school.</p>	

Children in higher numbered priority groups will be offered places ahead of those in lower numbered priority groups. All applications within each priority group will be considered equally (i.e. all applications, regardless of order of preference).

Tie break: If there are not enough places for all the children in one of these priority groups, we will give priority first to those with a sibling at the school in September 2017 (in all cases sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent / carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling) and then to those living nearest the school.

If within a priority group there are not enough places for all those with a sibling at the school in September 2016, we will give priority to those children with a sibling living nearest the school.

All distance measurements are based on the nearest route recognised by the County Councils electronic mapping system from a child's home address to school. The measurement is made from a fixed point within the dwelling, as identified by Ordnance Survey, to the nearest school entrance using footpaths and roads.

The routes measured to determine the allocation of school places will be those recognised by the electronic mapping system used by the school admissions team.

If the distance tie-break is not sufficient to distinguish between applicants in a particular priority group a random allocation will be used.