



Admissions Policy September 2018

Our planned admission limit into any age group in an academic year is 60.

Children are usually offered schooling from the September following their 4th birthday, though there is no legal requirement for a child to attend school until the commencement of the term after their 5th birthday.

Lings Primary School outsources its admission administration to Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) School Admissions. Initial allocation of places for 4+ children is made by the NCC and not by the school. NCC tries to meet parental preference whenever possible.

Northamptonshire County Council Admission Criteria

When a school receives more applications than it has places available (this is usually called its published admission number), the school's oversubscription admission criteria are used to decide which applicants are offered places.

In each case the criteria are applied in the order of priority stated. In many cases when the published admission number is reached within one of the criteria groups, a 'tie breaker' based on distance is used.

Lings's Oversubscription Criteria

Places will be allocated to pupils who have a statement of special educational needs that names the school as appropriate provision. When there are more applications for places than there are places available, priority will be given in the following order:

1. Children in public care or previously in public care but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.



2. Pupils with an older brother or sister continuing at the school at the time of admission of the younger child.
3. Children of staff at the school
Admission authorities may give priority in their oversubscription criteria to children of staff in either or both of the following circumstances:
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Pupils who live closer to the preferred school than any other school.
5. Other pupils.

Tiebreaker

If the admission number is exceeded within criterion (3) priority will be given to those who live furthest from the nearest alternative school. If the admission number is exceeded within any other criterion priority will be given to those who live closest to the school.

Appeals

In the event of a place not being allocated, an appeal may be made to Northamptonshire County Council. The Governing Body aims to keep class size to a maximum of 30. The appeals process is managed by Northamptonshire County Council on behalf of Lings Primary School.

Transfer

We work closely with feeder nursery schools and with local secondary schools to ensure that transfer of pupils is as seamless and successful as possible. This includes meetings, discussions, transfer of data and opportunities for pupils to visit their next school prior to transfer.