



Thurlstone Primary School

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

ADMISSION TO FOUNDATION STAGE 2 (RECEPTION)

Although the law does not require children to be admitted to school until the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday (compulsory school age), the School Admissions Code makes provision for all children to be admitted to school in the September following their 4th birthday. Parents will be able to access this entitlement through one of the following options:

- Option 1 - Full-time in the Reception Year from 1 September following the child's 4th birthday.
- Option 2 - Part-time in the Reception Year from 1 September following the child's 4th birthday.
- Option 3 - Part-time in an early years setting.

Children must commence their full-time education by the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday. The Local Authority's Handbook on Admission to school outlines the system and copies can be obtained through Admissions (see link below).

Parents have the right to apply for a place at any school in Barnsley or surrounding districts, regardless of their address. If the number of applications for places at the school exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria are used by the Local Authority to allocate places, priority is given in the following order:

- Children with a statement of Special Educational Needs, where the school is named on the statement.
- Children in public care (looked after children).
- Children who will have brothers or sisters in school at the time of admission.
- Children living nearest to school (distance measured in a straight line).

When the school is full, applications may be refused, although it should be stressed that in such cases parents do have the right of appeal through the Local Authority, Education Committee to an Independent Appeals Tribunal.

In the absence of an appeal, parents will be expected to approach another school with an admission request.

All decisions regarding the admission of children to the school rest with the Local Authority.

Please follow the link below to see the Local Authority guidance for parents/carers.

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-learning/school-admissions-and-transfers/primary-school-places/>

General information:

When making a decision about which school to apply to, we recommend that you contact the school to organise a visit.

Please contact the school to book an appointment to ensure that the Headteacher is available to give an accompanied tour of the school and allow time to talk through any queries.

Being a small school our admission number has been set at 25. This means we can accept up to 25 children in each year group. However, parents can appeal if the admission number is reached.

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The arrangement of classes is the responsibility of the Head teacher. Careful consideration is given when classes are organised and whenever possible consideration is given to parental opinion.

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