

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NURSERY ENTRY IN 2016-17



1. Reach Academy Feltham is an all-through, publicly funded, co-educational, independent, non-denominational, non-selective Academy for local children.
2. The governing body has responsibility for admissions to this school and intends to admit 60 pupils aged 3 and 16 pupils aged 2 (the published admissions number) to the nursery class in the school year which begins in September, 2016.
3. Applications are invited for **September 2016** from families whose child attains 3 years of age between the **1st September 2015** and **31st August 2016**, and for those whose child attains 2 years of age between the **1st September 2015** and **31st August 2016**.
 - a. All applications for places at the school will be considered in accordance with the arrangement set out below.
 - b. Please note that the admission of pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs is dealt with by a completely separate procedure. This procedure is integral to the making and maintaining of statements by the pupil's home council. A detail of this separate procedure is set out in the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice.

Oversubscription criteria (Nursery)

4. In the event that the Reach Academy Feltham receives more applications than there are places and after the admission of pupils with Statements of Special Educational Needs or Education Health Care Plans where the school is named, the following over subscription criteria will be applied.
 - a. Children in public care.¹
 - b. Medical/Social: Children whose acute, established and documented medical or social needs justify a place at the school.²
 - c. Siblings: Applicants who will have a sibling attending the school at the time of admission.³
 - d. Up to 16 places to be allocated to children eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium. Where there are more applications that meet this criterion than the 16 places allocated, places will be allocated by the use of an electronic ballot system, which will be independently operated.
 - e. Families who live in the Priority Admission Area. Priority will be given to children living in the area identified by the Feltham and Hanworth Priority Admission Area (as per the local authority). Where there are more applications than meet this criterion than there are places in the school, places will be allocated by the use of an electronic ballot system, which will be independently operated.

¹ A child in public care is a child who is either in the care of a local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions, as defined in section 22 of the Children Act 1989. Highest priority will be given to looked after children and previously looked after children. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order). Further references to previously looked after children in this Code means such children who were adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after.

² In such cases the Governing Body will decide whether this condition applies and parents will be responsible for providing supporting evidence from social workers, doctors, health visitors and other professionals of why the need means the child should be given a place at Reach Academy Feltham rather than at any other local school. Parents will be responsible for completing the appropriate section on the Application Form and for submitting medical evidence and clearly identifying the implications for the child if they were not to be given a place at Reach Academy Feltham.

³ Applicants who will have a sibling including all blood, half-, step-, adoptive and foster brothers and sisters of the child (not cousins) who live at the same home as the child, in the school in September 2014. This would not apply if the sibling were due to leave in the July before the joining child would be admitted. Where there are more applications that meet this criterion than there are places in the school, priority will then be given to those children who live nearest to the school, with the distance from home to school being measured as set out in the note⁵ below.

- f. Any other children. Where there are more applications than meet this criterion than there are places in the school, places will be allocated by the use of an electronic ballot system, which will be independently operated.
5. In the event that any applicants have equal rights to a place under any of the criteria above, places will be allocated using an electronic random allocation system, which will be independently operated.

Review and Monitoring

6. This policy will be monitored throughout the year and a review will take place following the completion of each admissions process. The policy will be reviewed annually by a committee of the Governing Body and updated as necessary.