



Elburton Primary School

Admissions Policy

2016 - 2017

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1 General Principles

The Governors of Elburton Primary School are the Admission Authority. Elburton Primary School will comply with provisions within the School Admissions Code and the School Appeals Code available at www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-code.

THIS POLICY SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRIMARY AND IN-YEAR CO-ORDINATED SCHEMES OF ADMISSION AVAILABLE AT WWW.PLYMOUTH.GO.UK/SCHOOLADMISSIONS

Elburton Primary School has a planned admission number of 60.

2 Foundation Year Admissions (Normal point of entry)

September is the earliest point for admission to the Foundation class at this school but is not a compulsory start date. The close date for application is 15 January 2016 and school place allocations will be notified on 18 April 2016. All parents can defer admission within the Foundation year until the beginning of the term following their child's fifth birthday. This is a decision for the parent to make, taking all factors into account including the advice of educational professionals.

Those parents who decide that their child should defer must inform the Headteacher. The place offered for their child will be held open and will not be offered to another child. Where a parent does not inform the Headteacher that admission is to be deferred and does not admit the child in September, the place may be withdrawn and offered to another child.

In respect of children born between 1 April and 31 August, where the place is deferred until the following September, admission would normally be direct to Year 1. This would be an in-year application, no earlier than the half term in the following June. Elburton primary School is an inclusive school and welcomes all applications but there is no guarantee of a place for children living in this area. We will admit from outside this area if there are spaces available.

Admission to our school is not dependent on any ability or voluntary financial contribution.

The school participates in the Local Authority co-ordinated scheme and all dates within that scheme must be adhered to. You should use the opportunity to express a preference for more than one school. Proof of residence will be required.

3. In-Year Admissions (admissions outside the normal point of entry)

The admission arrangements outlined within this section apply to in-year admissions for Elburton Primary School in the 2016/17 academic year.

An In-Year admission is an entry to the school other than at the normal point, for example, transferring school due to a house move or for other personal reason. Requests for admission to Foundation made after the normal round of admissions – after 31 August 2016 – and requests for places in other Year Groups should be made direct to Plymouth City Council.

With the exception of a child with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN), all applications will be considered under Plymouth City Council's Fair Access Protocol.

Applications should be made via Plymouth City Council at www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Elburton Primary School follows Plymouth City

Council's local co-ordinated in-year admissions scheme available at www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

All applicants must:

- i) Complete the Common Application Form available from, and returnable to Plymouth City Council;
- ii) In addition, applicants applying under criteria 4 below must complete the Supplementary Information Form and return it direct to the School Admissions Team, Plymouth City Council.
- i) Complete the Common Application Form available from, and returnable to their home local authority;
- ii) In addition, applicants applying under criteria 4 below must complete the Plymouth Supplementary Information Form and return it direct to the School Admissions Team, Plymouth City Council.

4. Oversubscription Criteria for Normal Point of entry at Foundation Year (primary transfer) and in-year admissions

A child with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) which names the school will be admitted.

Where there are less applicants than the PAN, all children will be admitted unless they can be offered a higher ranked preference. In the event that the School is oversubscribed, the admission authority will apply the following oversubscription criteria in order of priority:

1. **A 'Looked After Child' and all previously looked after children.** A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of the local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order);
2. **A child with exceptional medical or social grounds.** Applicants will only be considered under this heading if the parent/carer or their representative can demonstrate that only the preferred school can meet the exceptional medical or social needs of the child. This can be in the form of a testimony from a medical practitioner, social worker or other professional who can support the application on an 'exceptional' basis.

Exceptional medical or social grounds could include, for example:

- a serious medical condition, which can be supported by medical evidence,
- a significant caring role for the child which can be supported by evidence from social services;

3. **Children with a sibling already attending the school at the time of admission.** Children are siblings if they are a full, half, step or adoptive brother or sister, and live in the same family unit and household;
4. **Children whose parent is a member of staff employed at the school** for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, or where

the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage evidenced by completion of the Plymouth Supplementary Information Form;

- 5 Other Children** measured by a straight line on the map using Plymouth City Council's electronic mapping system – the shorter the distance, the higher the priority. Measurement points will be from an internal point of the building concerned (usually the visual centre of the building). Flats are therefore taken to be the same measurement point regardless of floor or location.

NOTES:

- 4.1 Admission out of the normal age group:** Places will normally be offered in the Year Group according to the child's date of birth but a parent may submit an application for a Year Group other than the child's chronological Year Group. We will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include a taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. We will also take into account the views of the headteacher of the schools. Parents must not assume that the decision of one school will transfer with the child to a different school as the decision rests with the individual admission authority. Where a place is refused in a different Year Group but a place is offered in the school, there will be no right of appeal.
- 4.2 Appeals:** In the event that an applicant is denied a place at the school, the parent/carer will have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel. Information relating to the appeal process can be obtained from Plymouth City Council's School Admissions Team.
- 4.3 Home address:** Any allegations received by the admission authority of people providing false accommodation addresses when applying for school places shall be fully investigated and, if found to be true, allocated places may be withdrawn, as appropriate. Schools have been advised by Plymouth City Council to ask parents/carers to provide proof of residence (for example utility bills) before admitting a child. Plymouth Local Authority (LA) will also carry out checks as appropriate. A child's home address is defined as the address at which the child is normally resident or, where a child lives at more than one address, the address at which the child lives for the majority of the time. Where the home address is unclear, the Admission Authority will determine the appropriate address taking into account factors such as the address to which the Child Benefit Allowance or Child Tax Credit is payable, registration for medical services etc.
- 4.4 Mode of study:** children are entitled to a full time place in the September following their fourth birthday. Where parents/carers wish, children may attend on a part time basis until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age. Arrangements should be made with the school direct.
- 4.5 Multiple births:** defined as children of multiple birth (including those born within the same academic year cohort). We understand that parents/carers would like to keep twins, triplets and other children of multiple birth together. Where the admission criteria is applied and it is not possible to offer places to all children of the same multiple birth family we would work with the family to find the best solution for them and their children. Should it transpire that it is not possible to offer place(s) to all children within that multiple birth, the parent/carer will be invited to nominate which child should be allocated the place(s).

- 4.6 Response:** Parents/carers must respond to an allocation of a school place within 2 weeks of the date of notification or availability of a school place. Response must be made to Plymouth City Council. In the absence of a response, the offer may be revoked and the place may be reallocated to someone else.
- 4.7 Start date:** there is a legal requirement that all children begin full time education by the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday, this is referred to as compulsory school age. Once a place has been allocated, parents/carers can request that the date that their child is admitted to school is deferred until later in the school year or until the child reaches compulsory school age in that school year. Deferred entry is arranged with the school direct. Deferred admission will take place at the start of the January or April term as appropriate. If the child does not start at the agreed date, the place may be revoked and may be reallocated to someone else.
- 4.8 Tie-breaker:** where we have to choose between two or more children in the same category as each other, then the nearer to the school the child lives - as measured by a straight line on the map using Plymouth City Council's electronic mapping system - the higher the priority. Measurement points will be from an internal point of the building concerned (usually the visual centre of the building). Flats are therefore taken to be the same measurement point regardless of floor of location.
- 4.9 Definitive tie-breaker:** in the event of there still being a tie, there will be a random ballot using an electronic random number generator. Such a ballot will be supervised by an officer of Plymouth City Council.
- 4.10 Waiting lists:** If a place cannot be offered at the preferred school, the child's name will automatically be added to the waiting list for any school ranked higher than the school allocated. Those on a waiting list and late applicants will be treated equally and placed on the same list. Waiting lists will be held in the order of the published admission criteria and will be maintained until the end of the summer holidays 2016. Any vacancies that arise will be allocated to the child at the top of the waiting list.

From the commencement of the September term in 2016, the in-year admissions scheme applies and the waiting list procedure will change in that parents/carers will be asked to confirm their wish for their child to remain on a waiting list in order that the list can be kept up to date.

Only complete this form if you are:

A member of staff employed by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made or a member of staff for or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

PLYMOUTH SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM 2016/17

Please note this is a supplementary information form for administration purposes only and is not an application form. It will be used to rank a submitted application according to the published admission criteria.

Only complete this form if you are:

- a) A member of staff employed by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made;**
- b) A member of staff or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.**

If you are applying under the oversubscription category of a) or b) above, complete this form and return it to the School Admissions Team, Education Learning and Family Support, Plymouth City Council, Civic Centre, Plymouth PL1 2AA.

To be completed by the parent

Full Name of child:	Date of Birth
Please name the member of staff employed by the School:	
Name of parent:	Relation to child:
Signature:	Date:

Data Protection

All information supplied will be processed and held by Plymouth City Council. Information may be shared with other relevant admission authorities and Government Departments where there is a Legal requirement to do so.

CONTACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

ELBURTON PRIMARY SCHOOL ACADEMY

Haye Road South
Elburton
Plymouth
PL9 8HJ

Phone number: 01752 404489
Email address: admin.elburton@elburton.plymouth.sch.uk

Website: www.elburtonschool.com

Plymouth School Admissions Team

Year Foundation intake at the normal point of entry – Telephone: 01752 307166

In-Year admissions – Telephone 01752 307170

The website at www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions has information about applying for an in-year place at the school, school appeals and the Local In-Year Admissions scheme.

School Appeals - Telephone 01752 307405 or 01752 258933

Education Welfare Service - Telephone 01752 307405 – www.plymouth.gov.uk

The Department for Education Schools (DFE)

Website: www.gov.uk

Telephone: 0370 000 2288

Parent Partnership Service – Telephone 01752 258933/ 0800 953113

parentpartnership@plymouth.gov.uk