

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

Under the current School Admissions Code and Regulations parents have the right to express a preference for the school they wish their child to attend.

Although all school admissions are controlled centrally, using an equal preference method, the Governors of Flitwick Lower School welcome enquiries for places in the school from within the surrounding areas. At present, a significant proportion of pupils are admitted into the school from outside of the school's designated area. A termly 'Open Day' is held to enable prospective parents to appreciate the facilities.

If the number of places in a particular year group at the school is not sufficient to meet the requests of all the parents the County will then apply the following criteria, in rank order as shown, to determine how the places will be allocated

1. All 'looked after' children.
2. Pupils living in the catchment area.
3. 'Very exceptional' medical grounds.
4. Siblings.
5. Any other children.

In any situation where the application of the above criteria results in a situation where there are more pupils with an equal right to admission to the school than the number of available places, the 'distance criterion' will be used as a 'tie-breaker' to resolve the matter.

If a pupil moves into the catchment area outside the normal admissions round there will be no guarantee of a place at the catchment area school if this would mean exceeding the standard number at the school.

Under legislation, parents are not obliged to send their children to school on a full-time basis until the term after their fifth birthday. Our Foundation Stage offers admission for children on a part-time basis from the term after their fourth birthday with the extension to full-time from the start of the term before they reach statutory school age.

This is promoted as best practice for Lower Schools by the Authority.

If you have a pre-school aged child, please contact the school as early as possible as this will ensure you have our best guidance and will assist us with our planning.