

School Admissions

Boringdon Primary School is a community school and all admissions, including in-year admissions, are dealt with through a common application form submitted to the Local Authority. The admissions procedure to Plymouth schools is clearly explained in the 'Starting School in Plymouth' parents' guide that is published by Plymouth City Council and can be found on their website at <http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

For children looking to make an in-year admission, further information about application procedures can also be found online on the Plymouth Schools' Admissions website in the 'In-Year School Admissions Parents' guide'. Information regarding admission arrangements can be found via the links below:

[Boringdon Primary School Admission Arrangements 2021/2022](#)

The Local Authority uses the following criteria for admissions:

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

Where there are less applicants than the Planned Admission Number (for Glen Park Primary this is 60 pupils in each year group), 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 over subscription criteria in order of priority:

1. **A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after** *A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a 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.*
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. **A child home address is within the designated school catchment area.** *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.*
5. **Children whose parent/carer 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.*
6. **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.*

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 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 head teacher of the school(s) concerned. 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.

Admissions are ultimately the responsibility of Plymouth City Council and in case of doubt, the Education Section at the Education Office will advise you.