

Greasby Infant School



ADMISSIONS POLICY

Mission Statement

We aim to provide a happy, relaxed environment where children are encouraged and supported to achieve their full potential, and to develop an attitude of care and responsibility towards others and their surroundings.

We ensure that the children in this school will attain the highest standards of which they are capable. We encourage the children to be independent and self-confident and we believe that this can be achieved more readily when teachers, parents and pupils work together in partnership.

Introduction

Greasby Infant School is a non-denominational school catering for children aged 5 to 7 years. The Governing Body is responsible for running the school, however the Children and Young People's Department of the Local Authority coordinate the admission arrangements.

Greasby Infant School is a community school and therefore has its own catchment area or zone. It is likely that families who live within the catchment area and apply for a place at the school, will be allocated a place. However no guarantees are given, as due to the class size regulations, classes are not permitted to have more than 30 pupils per class, unless there are very special circumstances. Further details can be found in the Primary Education in Wirral – Information for Parents Handbook.

Information regarding school catchment areas, admission procedures and late applications can be found on the Local Authority Website www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions.

The Local Authority also arrange for admission to school for pupils in Year 1 and above. A place will be offered in the zoned school, as long as this will not bring the class size to more than 30. Out-of-zone places will be agreed providing there is room in the year group and less than 30 pupils in the class. If a child is admitted to Greasby Infant School, even if they are out-of-zone, they will be able to transfer to Greasby Junior School at the age of 7.

Admissions Procedure

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Barker Lane, Greasby Phone: 0151 677 2830

Head teacher: Mrs J Hall

Number on roll: **180** Age range: **5 to 7**

Number to be admitted in 2016: **60**

Applications submitted by the 15th January 2016 will be considered first and places allocated up to the admission number of the school and in accordance with the following criteria.

- Children in the care of a Local Authority.
- Parents of the children who live 'in zone' and already have older brothers or sisters at the school at the time of the start date. (In the case of an infant school we will also treat a brother or sister at the junior school as a sibling but they will be given a lower priority to children at the same infant school).
- Parents of pupils who live 'in zone' and have a valid medical reason. You must give details on the preference form and this may be checked by a medical officer of the health authority. A letter in support from a senior health care professional will be required as evidence. You need to make it clear why only this school is appropriate for your child's medical needs.
- Parents of pupils who live 'in zone' and nearest to the school. We measure distances from home to the school gate nearest to the child's home using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider to be a safe walking route.

If children do not live in the school's catchment area and if places remain available, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria;

- to children who already have older brother or sisters at the school when they are due to start. If there are more children with older brothers or sisters at the school than there are places available, we will give priority to children with the youngest brothers or sisters at the school (In the case of an infant school we will also treat a brother or sister at the junior school as a sibling but they will be given a lower priority to children at the same infant school).
- to children who have valid medical reasons for going to the school. You must give details on the preference form and this may be checked by a medical officer of the health authority. A letter in support from a senior health care professional will be required as evidence. You need to make it clear why only this school is appropriate for your child's medical needs.
- to pupils who live nearest to the school. We measure distances from home to the school gate nearest to the child's home using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider to be a safe walking route.

Admission Procedures are reviewed regularly and updated inline with Local Authority criteria.

J. Hall
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