

KERESLEY NEWLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY

SEPTEMBER 2024

Keresley Newland Primary is an academy within The Futures Trust, a Multi Academy Trust (the Academy Trust) and the Academy Trust of the School is the admission authority. It participates in the local authority coordinated scheme for Reception admissions intake. All applicants should adhere to the deadlines within the scheme, and national closing date is 15th January 2024.

Please refer to:

[Warwickshire Admissions](#)

The admission arrangements comply with the Fair Access Protocol as detailed in the Admissions Code.

Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary and Infant School Admissions Policy 2024/2025 oversubscription criteria:

If the number of applications is less than the published admission number then all applicants will be offered a place.

If there are more requests for a school than there are places available within the school's admission number, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria and in the order shown below.

- Criterion 1a: Looked after children and all previously looked after children.
- Criterion 1b: Children who have been adopted through a CVAA UK agency.
- Criterion 2: Children who receive the Early Years Pupil Premium for their early years provider.
- Criterion 3: Children who are currently, or have been at any point since 1st September 2015, subject to a Child in Need Plan or a Child Protection Plan.
- Criterion 4: Children living in the priority area for the school, who will have a sibling attending the same school in Years 1 - 6 at the time of admission in September 2024.
- Criterion 5: Other children living in the priority area for the school.
- Criterion 6: Children living outside the priority area for the school, who will have a sibling attending the same school in Years 1 – 6 at the time of admission in September 2024.
- Criterion 7: Other children living outside the priority area for the school.

If it is not possible to meet all of the requests in any one of the categories described above, the Local Authority will prioritise the requests by reference to distance.

The PAN for Keresley Newland is 30.

Brothers and Sisters/Siblings

The Local Authority sees the benefits of children from the same family attending the same school and gives priority to brother and / or sister connections in its policy for allocating places. The definition of brother or sister includes step-brothers, step-sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters and adopted brothers

and sisters living at the same permanent address. However, where schools are over-subscribed no guarantee can be given that places will be available for brothers and sisters.

Distance

If it is not possible to meet all of the requests in any one of the categories described above, the Local Authority will prioritise the requests within that category by reference to distance. A straight-line measurement will be made, using a computerised mapping system, from the centre of the child's residence - to the centre of the preferred school site. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority. Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the school, the local authority, overseen independently, will select by drawing lots

Home address

A pupil's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of permanent residence at the property concerned may be required. Where documentary evidence can substantiate to the satisfaction of the Local Authority that care is split equally between parents at two homes, parents must name the address to be used for the purpose of allocating a school place

If a school is offered on the basis of an address that is subsequently found to be different from a child's normal and permanent home address, then that place is liable to withdrawal.

Children of UK service personnel and other Crown Servants will be treated as meeting the residency criteria for a catchment area once proof of posting has been provided

Catchment area

One of the aims of local schools is to serve its neighbourhood and develop links with the local community to strengthen the school and the community. The area served by a school is known as the catchment area and details of specific catchment areas are available at [Warwickshire Catchment Areas](#)

Deferred entry into Primary School

Legally a child does not have to be educated until the term after their fifth birthday. Parents may feel their child is young for their age, or there may be other reasons for wanting to delay their entry to school. This is called deferred entry.

In this situation applications for a place should be made in the normal way. The Authority recommends that the parent/carer contact the headteacher of the preferred school to discuss the matter in more detail prior to submitting the application. If the parent/carer then decides to defer entry, a place will be reserved until the child starts as long as they start within the academic year. The Authority cannot allocate it to another child. Parents/carers cannot assume however that an application for a deferred entry place will be successful. It will be considered alongside all other applications in accordance with the general council admissions policy.

Where a parent/carer of a summer born child wishes to defer entry until the following academic year, and wishes their child to start in reception this will mean the child is taught out of their normal age group. They should still make an application at the usual time but must notify us on the application that they will wish to request a place out of the normal age group. Parents/carers will then be contacted to discuss the matter further and should note there are no guarantees that such applications will be successful, but that each case will be considered individually.

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group. The application will be considered alongside all other applications in accordance with the Warwickshire co-ordinated

admissions scheme. Where the application is refused the parent has a right to an appeal against the refusal of a place, unless the child has been offered a place in another year group in the school.

Part time attendance

Parents can request that their child attends part time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

Children currently attending Local Authority Maintained Nursery Classes

Parents of children already attending Nursery Classes will also need to complete an application form in order to request a place at their preferred Primary School. The policy of the Local Authority is not to provide nursery classes at every school, but to provide classes which serve a wider area than the school's catchment area. The number of part-time places available in a nursery class therefore often exceeds the number of places available in the Reception Class in the same school. **The Local Authority cannot therefore guarantee that a pupil who is admitted to a school's nursery class will be admitted to the same school.**

Waiting List

The Authority cannot always offer places at a preferred school. If this is the case the child's name will be automatically placed on the Waiting List for community and voluntary controlled schools. If places become available, the Authority will allocate the places in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Applicants may therefore move both up and down the list depending on whether others joining the list meet a higher ranked oversubscription criterion.

Waiting Lists will remain in operation until the end of the 2024 Autumn Term. After this parents/carers will need to contact the Admissions Team by the beginning of each term if they want to stay on the waiting list for the rest of the academic year