

Admission Policy for September 2020 for Primary Community and Voluntary Controlled (VC) School in Stockton-on-Tees

All governing bodies are required by Section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014 to admit to the school a child with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan that names the school. **This is not an oversubscription criterion.** This relates only to children who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final EHC Plan has been issued.

Where there are more applications for a school than there are places available, places will be allocated in order using the oversubscription criteria below:

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(In priority order)

1. Pupils who are in the care of the local authority, or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order.
2. Children who were previously in care outside of England.
3. Pupils with a Special Education Need who are going through a statutory assessment and who have been identified as needing a 'named' mainstream school.
4. Pupils who have a brother or sister permanently living at the same address, who are still at the school when the pupil begins. Please note – this criteria only applies to siblings who are of compulsory school age, not younger siblings who attend a nursery setting attached to a school (Primary applications only)

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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 definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to school. The Local Authority may request a copy of the adoption order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order and a letter from the Local Authority that last looked after the child confirming that he or she was looked after immediately prior to the order being made. The Local Authority may request a copy of any adoption paperwork from the respective agency involved that last looked after the child confirming that he or she was looked after immediately prior to the order being made.

This criteria applies to those children who have a Special Education Need, who **are going through a statutory assessment** and have been identified as in need of a 'named' mainstream school that can offer the enhanced support and resources they require to meet their specific SEN.

We define brother or sister as follows:

- A brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, adopted brother or sister, or children of partners who are permanently living at the same address as a family unit. In all cases, the parent who receives the Child Benefit for those children must permanently live at that address with the children.
- We will consider brothers or sisters who live in separate households because the parents are separated and have shared responsibility for the children under conditions covering exceptional social or medical reasons. This does not include



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separate families living together in the same property.

If there are other family situations where there are different carers, e.g. aunts, uncles or grandparents, each case will be considered individually.