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**Goldsborough Sicklinghall Federation**

# Admissions Policy

## 2025-26

**North Yorkshire - Determined admissions policy for community and voluntary controlled schools 2025-2026**

Determined admissions policy for community and voluntary controlled schools for the school year 2025-2026

All governing bodies are required by section 324 of the Education Act 1996 to admit to the school a child with an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP) 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 Educational Health and Care Plan has been issued.

If the number of applications exceeds the Published Admission Number (PAN), after the admission of children where the school is named in the Education Health and Care Plan the following oversubscription criteria will apply.

**Order of priority**

**Notes**

This applies to all looked-after children, including those who are in the care of another local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services function at the time of making an application.

**Priority group one:**

**Looked after children, all previously looked after children and children who appear to the Admissions Authority to have been in state care outside of England and cease to be in state care as a result of being adopted.**

In the case of previously looked after children, a copy of the relevant documentation will be required in support of the application.

**Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (1) or became subject to a child arrangement order (2) or special guardianship order.**

A child is regarded as being in state care outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any another provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

(1) This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 and Children who were adopted under the Adopted and Childrens Act 2002.

(2) Child Arrangement Orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a Child Arrangement Order

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**Priority group two:**

**Children the Authority considers have special social or medical reasons for admission.**

We will only consider applications on social or medical grounds if they are supported by a professional recommendation from a doctor, social worker, or other appropriate professional. The supporting evidence should set out the particular social or medical reason(s) why the school in question is the only school which can meet the child's needs and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.

Panels of professionally qualified people will consider all applications made under priority group two.

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**Priority group three :**

**Children living within the normal area of the school.**

Refer to tie break

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**Priority group four:**

**Children of staff at the school.**

Priority in this oversubscription criteria is given in either or both of the following circumstances:

a) Where a member of staff has been employed at the school for more than two years at the time when the admission to the school is made,

and/or

b) The member of staff has been recruited to fill a post at the school for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

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## Priority group five:

### **Children living outside the normal area of the school.** Refer to tie break

(Normal area as outlined in this policy is also known as the catchment area)

Children in higher priority groups will be offered places ahead of those in lower priority groups (priority group one being the highest and priority group five being the lowest). All applications within each priority group will be considered equally (for instance, all applications, regardless of order of preference).

### **Tie break**

If there are not enough places for all the children in one of these priority groups, we will give priority first to those with a sibling at the school in September 2025, who live the nearest to the school (in all cases sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step-brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner who lives permanently at the same address where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit) and then to those living nearest the school.

All distance measurements are based on the nearest route which is recognised by our electronic mapping system from a child's home address to school. The measurement is made from a fixed point within the dwelling, as identified by the Ordnance Survey, to the nearest school entrance using footpaths and roads. The routes measured to determine the allocation of school places will be those recognised by the electronic mapping system used by the school admissions team.

If the distance tie break is not sufficient to distinguish between applicants in a particular priority group a random allocation will be used as set out below.

## **Key Dates for families:**

### **12 October 2024**

From 12 October 2024, you can apply for a school place for children born between:

- 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018
- 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021

### **15 January 2025**

15 January 2025 is the closing date for online and paper applications. The closing date for providing evidence of exceptional social or medical reasons is also 15 January 2025.

### **18 February 2025**

No changes can be made to applications before National Offer Day after 18 February 2025.

### **16 April 2025**

16 April 2025 is National Offer Day for primary and junior schools. If you applied online, you can [log in to our admissions portal](#) to see your offered school place. You will also get an email during office hours telling you about your offered place. If you made a paper application, you should get a letter telling you about your offered school place.

## 1 May 2025 onwards

From 1 May 2025 onwards, we will consider any late applications or requests for changes to applications that we have not already processed.

## 20 May 2025

If you want to appeal for a primary or junior school place, you need to [submit your appeal](#) by 20 May 2025.

## June to July 2025

Main primary and junior school admission appeals will be heard from June to July 2025.

## 31 December 2025

All the waiting lists we hold will end on 31 December 2025

Further information for families can be found here:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school>

Please contact the Goldsborough Sicklinghall Federation or the Admissions team at North Yorkshire County Council if you have any questions regarding admissions for 2025-2026.

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