

Chestnut Park Primary School, Wheatear Road, North End, Yatton admission arrangements for 2020 - 2021

Introductory statement

The new Primary School is opening in September 2020. The name for the new school is currently being consulted on with the local community. The school will serve the growing community of Yatton and is committed to ensuring every child will benefit from an excellent, inclusive education preparing them to make informed choices about their future.

Admission number(s)

The school has an admission number of 30 for entry in year reception.

The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year group are received, the Academy Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

Application process¹

North Somerset residents seeking school places should apply on a North Somerset application form. Residents outside North Somerset seeking places at North Somerset schools should apply for places on their home LA application form.

For North Somerset children the application form is available for submission using the online system on the North Somerset Council website or in paper form. Applicants are strongly advised to read the parent guide for this intake which is available on the North Somerset Council's website. If you live in North Somerset you should apply to:

Email: admissions@n-somerset.gov.uk

Website: www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions

Tel No: 01275 884078

FAX: 01275 884753

Address: North Somerset Council – People and Communities, School Admissions and Transport Team, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston super Mare, BS23 1UJ

The closing date for applications is 01/01/2020. Otherwise the application will be recorded as late. Late applications will not be considered in the first round of allocations and an outcome will not be sent on the National Offer Day.

Offers will be made on the National Offer Day. Please see North Somerset Council's co-ordinated scheme for this intake for full details. If we have not entered into a funding

agreement with the Secretary of State opening the school by that date, they will be conditional offers and will be confirmed once we have a signed funding agreement.

Oversubscription criteria²

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan or a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order.³
2. Priority will next be given to children based on their exceptional medical or social needs. Each application must include evidence, from a medical specialist or social worker of the child's need and why they must attend this school rather than any other, based on those needs. If evidence is not submitted to the LA with the application, a child's medical or social needs cannot be considered.
3. Priority will next be given to the children of staff who have been recruited to fill a skill-shortage area.
4. Other children

Tie-break⁴

'If in categories 2-4 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the school will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child's home to the front gates of the school in a straight line.

Random allocation undertaken by the local authority will be used as a tie-break in categories 2-5 above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the academy/free school is equidistant in any two or more cases.'

Random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place. We will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules and exceed our PAN.

Late applications⁵

All applications received by the LA after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time. If, following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

Deferred entry for infants⁶

Parents offered a place in reception for their child have a right to defer the date their child is admitted, or to take the place up part-time, until the child reaches compulsory school age. Places cannot be deferred beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made.

Children reach compulsory school age on the prescribed day following their 5th birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 August, 31 December and 31 March.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested..

When such a request is made, the academy trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.⁷

Waiting lists

The school will operate a waiting list for each year group. Where the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will be maintained on a two term basis. If applicants wish to remain on the waiting list they must request this for the start of terms 1, 3 or 5. Any applicants that have not requested to be kept on the waiting list will not be considered for any vacancies that may arise. Term dates can be found at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/school-terms-dates. This will be maintained by the Academy Trust and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be

reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Appellants should contact the LA see www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions. Details concerning how to appeal will be explained in the decision letter.

Notes:

Home address:

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with the doctor. If the residence is not split equally between both parents then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

Sibling:

'Sibling' means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a step brother or sister or other child living in the same household as part of the same family who, in any of these cases, will be living at the same address at the date of their application for a place.

Medical and Social Need:

'Social need' does not include a parent's wish that a child attends the school because of a child's aptitude or ability or because their friends attend the school.⁸ 'Medical need' does not include mild medical conditions.

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education, Health and Care Plan – There is a different procedure for these children. Their parents should apply for a place via the service dealing with Special Educational Needs in their home council.

Contact the school:

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