

Clarice Cliff Primary School

Admissions Policy

February 2009

The Governing Body of Clarice Cliff Primary School has adopted the Admissions Policy of the LA.

Nursery Criteria (applications are sent out by the school and then forwarded to the LA for allocation)

This criteria is used if there are more children wanting a nursery place than there are places available. It applies to children who are 4 in the appropriate school year.

Children will be given places in this order of priority:

- Pupils in care of the local authority or provide with accommodation by the authority. This is from Section 22 of the Children Act, 1989.
- Pupils living in the catchment area of the school who have an older brother or sister that already attend the school.
- Other pupils living within the catchment area of the school.
- Pupils living outside the catchment area of the school who have an older brother or sister that already attends.
- Other pupils will be put on a list. The order of this list is decided by how old they are, the oldest children will be at the top of the list.

Nursery places will be given firstly to children living in the City of Stoke-on-Trent. Only when these children have a place will children outside the City will be considered.

Reception Criteria (applications are sent out by the school and then forwarded to the LA for allocation)

The criteria for Reception is the same as nursery above.

Reception class admissions are entirely separate from nursery class admissions. Attending a nursery class does not guarantee a place in the Reception class. The LA uses an equal preference policy, (first preferences are no longer given first priority) children could be allocated a place at their catchment area school if nominated as a second or third choice.

Children are admitted to the Reception Class in the school year of their 5th birthday.

School Admissions

All other admissions are dealt with by the school in consultation with the Admissions Department at the LA.

Where parents are unsuccessful in securing a place at their preferred school they may appeal to an independent appeals panel, however, they must be aware that they are appealing against the Governments Class Size Pledge, which places a limit of 30 on key stage one classes and the appeal panel can only offer a place in very limited circumstances.