



Hampton Hargate Primary School

Admissions Policy

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Hampton Hargate Primary School believes that all children, regardless of ability and behaviour are valued equally. Groups of pupils (eg. SEND pupils, children in care, EAL pupils etc) are not viewed as separate but are part of the whole school approach. As a Dyslexia Friendly School, we understand the importance of pupils acquiring literacy and numeracy whilst promoting a broad and balanced curriculum, accessible to all. We recognise that different children's needs are met through varied and flexible provision and the use of different styles of teaching & learning throughout the curriculum. Every Child Matters (ECM) is an important part of the school ethos and we encourage all staff, governors, visitors, helpers etc to play their part in promoting this. This policy therefore applies to all our children, regardless of their gender, faith, race, culture, family circumstances or sexuality.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of all children and expects all staff to share in this commitment. All staff must follow the guidelines set out in the relevant section of **myconcern®** which is available online.

Hampton Hargate Primary School is a maintained primary school situated in the Hampton area of Peterborough. Our school offers a high quality, balanced and knowledge-rich curriculum to all its pupils. By law, parents are required to make sure that their child is educated from the beginning of the term after their fifth birthday. Primary Schools in Peterborough offer places to Reception children at the beginning of the Autumn Term. Parents are required to apply for school places through the Local Authority.

Hampton Hargate Primary School has a Published Admissions Number of 30 children per class with a maximum availability of 620 for the school. The age range is 4 – 11 years, i.e. Reception to Year 6. Admissions to Hampton Hargate Primary School are coordinated by the Local Authority. In agreement with the Local Authority, Hampton Hargate Primary School has gone over PAN in KS2 by 3 pupils per year group (31 per KS2 class, 93 per KS2 year group). This will be reviewed annually.

The Local Authority gives priority to children whose parents have applied for a school place by the published deadline (15 January). Schools do not always have enough places available for every child whose parents have applied for a place. In this case, where applications exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit: The local authority will admit children with an education health and care plan which names our school. This will be in addition to any specific arrangements to specialist provision.

The order of priority for all other children is as follows:

- 1) A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. 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 the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989);
- 2) Children who appear to the Admission Authority to have been in state care (i.e. in the care of or accommodated by a public authority, religious organisation or any other provider whose sole/main purpose is to benefit society) outside of England but ceased to be so as a result of being adopted only;
- 3) Children who are both living in the catchment area* served by the school and have siblings** of compulsory school age still attending the school at the time of their admission;
- 4) Other children living in the catchment area at the time of admission;
- 5) Children who do not live in the catchment area served by the school, but who have siblings of compulsory school age attending the school (or are attending an infant or junior school on the same site) at the time of their admission.
- 6) Other children whose parents have requested a place who live outside the catchment area of the school. *A Catchment database is available on the Peterborough City Council website at www.peterborough.gov.uk

**For the purposes of admissions, the Department for Education definition of sibling is as follows: '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, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address. Every effort will be made to ensure that brothers or sisters (as defined above) and those from multiple births can attend the same primary school, understanding