

Proposed Admissions criteria for community and voluntary controlled schools in East Sussex - these will also apply to Priory School and Hailsham Community College

1. **Looked after children and children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a Child Arrangements Order or Special Guardianship Order immediately following being looked after.**
2. **Children who will have a brother or sister at the school (or linked infant or junior school) at the time of admission and who live at the same address, within the pre-defined community area***

The definitions of 'sibling' and community areas are below.

3. **Children wishing to transfer between a linked infant and junior school (as per schools listed in the admission booklet).**
4. **Other children living within a pre-defined community area**

Each home address within the county falls within a community area although living within the community area does not guarantee a place. The admission booklet 'applying for a school place 2017-2018' shows details of the community areas for each school.

5. **Children who will have a brother or sister at the school (or linked infant or junior school) at the time of admission who live at the same address, outside the pre-defined community area.***

The definition of sibling is as shown below

6. **Other children living outside the pre-defined community area.**

Tiebreaker

- In the event of oversubscription within any category, place allocation will be decided by prioritising applications on the basis of home to school distance measured in a straight line (as the crow flies). This will be measured from the delivery point (supplied by Royal Mail) in the school to the delivery point in the family home. For split site schools, we will measure to the site where the child will attend for the majority of lessons.
- In the event that applicants cannot be prioritised using the tie-breaker above because the distance measurements are the same, the Authority will use random allocation to decide which children will be offered the remaining places. This will be done electronically using the Authority's admissions software.

* ***Children who have a brother or sister who joined the school prior to 1 September 2017 (1 September 2012 for Frant CE Primary School) and who is still on roll will be admitted under the previous criteria which gave priority to brothers and sisters regardless of whether they live in the pre-defined community area or not.***

Twins and children from multiple births (all community and voluntary controlled schools).

Where the admission of both twins or all siblings from a multiple birth would cause the school to rise above its Planned Admission Number, both twins or all of the siblings will be

admitted. Where the admission of the additional child or children from multiple births to an infant class would result in the PAN rising above 30 (or multiples of 30), the additional child/children would be exceptions to the Infant Class Size legislation throughout the infant phase or until the number in the year group reduced to the PAN.

Definitions used by East Sussex County Council:

Community area: each home address in the county falls within a community area for a school (or schools) although living in a community area does not guarantee a place. Please see the maps on pages 24,26,28 and 45 of the booklet 'Apply for a school 2017-18' for information as to which areas are applicable to each school.

Looked after child: 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 function at the time of making an application to a school (see section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989. Children accommodated under section 20 of the Children Act 1989 are included in this priority. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a Child Arrangements Order or Special Guardianship Order.

Sibling: for admissions purposes, children are siblings if they are full/half or adoptive/foster brother or sister living in the same household. We do not include step-children for the purposes of school admissions i.e. two families coming together.