



Early Years Admissions Policy

Organisation

Early Years at Longhoughton C of E Primary School provides education and care for 3-year olds in a mixed Nursery/Reception Class.

We are able to accommodate a maximum of 30 children with a Class Teacher and a Teaching Assistant. There is one 3-hour morning session per day, term time only for Nursery aged children.

Admissions

Children are eligible for a place in Early Years once they are 3 years old.

We admit children in September, January and April (spaces permitting).

Children who are posted into the area with RAF will be allocated a space between these entry points spaces permitting.

Prior to admission children and their parents will be invited for a visit to their class.

Admission Criteria

Where the demand for places exceeds the number available, places will be offered by applying the following criteria in decreasing order of merit:

Category 1. Children in receipt of Early Years government funding for funded sessions and

- a. Live within the catchment area of the school or can demonstrate that they will be by the time their child is able to start
- b. Live within the catchment area of a neighbouring school which does not have government-funded sessions, or is already full
- c. Live anywhere else within Northumberland

Should it prove necessary to distinguish between pupils in any given category, priority will be given by applying the following sub-criteria in decreasing order of merit:

- a. Looked After Children
- b. children on whose behalf evidence of exceptional medical, social or educational need is present (this will normally have to be supported by a professionally involved third party)
- c. children who have an older sibling who is expected to be on the school roll at the time of admission
- d. the order in which applications for Early Years at Longhoughton C of E Primary School have been received

Note that a place within Early Years at Longhoughton C of E Primary School does not guarantee a place within the main school - separate admissions procedures apply.