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.

Australia Class – is able to accommodate a maximum of 30 children with a Class Teacher and 2 Teaching Assistants. There is one 3-hour morning session per day, term time only for Nursery aged children.

Admissions

Children are eligible for a place in Australia Class once they are 3 years old.

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

Prior to admission a member of staff will visit the family in their home setting and invite them 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 First School have been received

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