

Admissions criteria for community and voluntary controlled schools in East Sussex

1. Looked after children and children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following being looked after.

An explanation of who falls into this criterion can be found in the 'Explanation of words and phrases' set out here: [Apply for a school place 2022 to 2023 | East Sussex County Council](#)

2. Children who will have a brother or sister (sibling) at the school (or linked infant or junior school-see priority 3) at the time of admission and who live at the same address, within the predefined community area*

The definition of 'sibling' can be found in the 'Explanation of words and phrases' set out here: [Apply for a school place 2022 to 2023 | East Sussex County Council](#)

Details of the pre-defined community area for each school can be found here:
[Find my community area \(secondary\) | East Sussex County Council](#)
[Find my community area \(primary and junior\) | East Sussex County Council](#)

3. Children wishing to transfer between a linked infant and junior school.

Linked infant and junior schools are:

- Motcombe Community School - Ocklynge Junior School
- Parkland Infant School - Parkland Junior School
- Pashley Down Infant School - Ocklynge Junior School
- Roselands Infant School - Stafford Junior School
- St Andrew's CE Infant School - Tollgate Community Junior School
- West Rise Community Infant School - West Rise Junior

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. Details of the pre-defined community area for each school can be found here:

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5. Children who will have a brother or sister (sibling) at the school (or linked infant or junior school-see priority 3) at the time of admission who live at the same address, outside the predefined community area.*

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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). For split site schools, we will measure to the site where the child will attend for the majority of lessons at the point of entry.

- 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 sibling who joined the school prior to 1 September 2017 and who is still on roll will be admitted under the previous criteria which gave priority to siblings 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 class size rising above 30, the additional child/children would be exceptions to the Infant Class Size legislation throughout the infant phase or until the number in the class reduced to 30.

Applications for admission out of year group

Arrangements for requesting a delayed reception start can be found here:
[Admissions for summer-born children | East Sussex County Council](#)

Arrangements for requesting admission out of year group at other points in a child's education can be found here:
[Apply for a school place 2022 to 2023 | East Sussex County Council](#)