



Admissions Policy 2027-28

Written by Shavington Primary School



Shavington Primary School is part of The Learning Partnership and the school's Local Governing Board is the admissions authority. This admissions policy has been designed to comply with the Schools Admissions Code 2021 and all relevant legislation, including that on infant class sizes and equal opportunities.

ADMISSIONS TO THE RECEPTION YEAR GROUP

All children are entitled to a full-time place in Reception in the September following their fourth birthday.

We have an agreed published admission number (PAN) of 60 pupils for entry in Reception.

We may decide to exceed the PAN in Key Stage 2 where doing so would not result in prejudice to the provision of efficient education or efficient use of resources at the school. We will not be able to agree admission over the published admission number where to do so would result in a breach of infant class size legislation which requires that infant classes (those classes where the majority of children will reach the age of 5, 6 or 7) contain no more than 30 pupils with a single qualified teacher.

Places will be allocated based on applications received through the Cheshire East admissions system.

To make a late application please apply via the Cheshire East school parent portal ([Portal Home](#)) or ring 0300 123 5012. Please note that late applications may be disadvantaged as they are considered after all on-time applications have been processed.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

All children whose Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan names Shavington Primary School must be admitted.

Where more applications are received than there are places available, after children with EHC plans have been allocated, priority for admission will be based on the Local Authority's published oversubscription criteria as follows:

1. "Cared for children" and children who were "previously cared for"

- A cared for child is a child who is in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that local authority (as defined in section 22 of the Children Act 1989)
- Children "previously cared for" are children who were "cared for" as defined above but immediately after being "cared for" became subject to an adoption, child arrangements order (formerly residence order), or special guardianship order. A child arrangements order is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 amended by Children and Families Act 2014. Section 14A of



the Children Act 1989 defines a “special guardianship order” as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child’s special guardian(s). This includes children who appear to (in the view of Cheshire East) have been in state care outside England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

2. Siblings

- Pupils with brothers or sisters, step-brothers or step-sisters, foster brothers or sisters, half-brothers or half-sisters, adopted brothers or adopted sisters living together as part of one household (*for the majority of the school week*) already attending the preferred school (*in years Reception to Year 5*) and expected to continue at the school in the following school year (*i.e. at the time of admission*).

3. Children resident within the designated catch area of the school

- Children will be classed within this criterion if they and their parent(s) are resident within the area served by the school.

4. Pupils living nearest to the school

- Measured using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) which measures straight line distances in miles from the school’s co-ordinate point to the place of the child’s residence co-ordinate point.

Where we cannot accommodate all pupils qualifying under one of the criteria stated above, the next criterion will be applied to determine priority for admission. All applicants within each criterion will be put into a distance order with priority being given to those that live nearest to the school. Where there are a limited number of places and we cannot differentiate between the applications using the distance criterion, a random allocation tie-breaker will be applied.

WAITING LISTS AND APPEALS

Waiting lists for the normal admission round will be held until the 31st December. They will be held in line with the published oversubscription criteria and not on a “first come, first served” basis.

Parents who are not offered a place for their child at a preference school have a right of appeal to an independent appeals panel. Parents should contact the school office to get hold of appeal forms. Completed forms should be returned within 20 days from the notification that the application for admission was unsuccessful.



IN-YEAR ADMISSIONS

You can apply for a school place for other year groups outside of new Reception starters each September. This is called an in-year application.

For admission at times other than the start of the school year in September, you can apply up to 6 school weeks before the day you want your child to start. For September admissions, you can apply up to 8 school weeks before.

For the most up-to-date information about vacancies, please contact the school directly.

Applications should be made via the Cheshire East parent portal ([Portal Home](#))