

Millhouse Primary School

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION - 2025/26

ADMISSION TO FOUNDATION STAGE 2 (RECEPTION)

Although the law does not require children to be admitted to school until the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday (compulsory school age), the School Admissions Code makes provision for all children to be admitted to school in the September following their 4th birthday. Parents will be able to access this entitlement through one of the following options:

Option 1 Full-time in the Reception Year from 1 September following the child's 4th birthday.

Option 2 Part-time in the Reception Year from 1 September following the child's 4th birthday.

Option 3 Part-time in an early years setting.

Children must commence their full-time education by the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday. The Local Authority's Handbook on Admission to school outlines the system and copies can be obtained through Admissions (see link below). Parents have the right to apply for a place at any school in Barnsley or surrounding districts, regardless of their address. If the number of applications for places at the school exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria are used by the Local Authority to allocate places, priority is given in the following order:

a) Children with a statement of Special Educational Needs, where the school is named on the statement.

b) Children in public care (looked after children).

c) Children who will have brothers or sisters in school at the time of admission.

d) Children living nearest to school (distance measured in a straight line).

When the school is full, applications may be refused, although it should be stressed that in such cases parents do have the right of appeal through the Local Authority, Education Committee to an Independent Appeals Tribunal. In the absence of an appeal, parents will be expected to approach another school with an admission request. All decisions regarding the admission of children to the school rest with the Local Authority.

Please follow the link below to see the Local Authority guidance for parents/carers.

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-learning/school-admissions-and-transfers/primary-school-places/>

Summer born children

There are alternative options for parents who do not feel their child is ready to start school before the compulsory school date. You can read more information in the delayed admissions leaflet and arrangements for summer born children, available on the Local Authority Admissions page (follow the link above).

You can take a look at the [government's guidance for parents of summer born children](#), this is for parents who may be considering delaying their child's start in reception. This guidance is intended to help you to make an informed decision about what would be right for your child. It explains the process for requesting admission outside of age group and sets out information on the options available to you and the steps you need to take to arrange a delayed admission for your child.

Additionally, children born in the Summer Term (1st April to 31st August) are not required to start school until a full year after the point at which they could have been admitted ie. the September following their fifth birthday; the point at which other children in their age range are commencing Year 1.

Parents of summer born children may, therefore, submit a request for delayed admission to Reception Year group, rather than year 1, for any school within the Authority. A decision must be taken by the relevant admission authority based on the circumstances of the case and in the child's best interests.

General information:

When making a decision about which school to apply to, we recommend that you contact the school to organise a visit. Please contact the school to book an appointment to ensure that the Headteacher is available to give an accompanied tour of the school and allow time to talk through any queries.

Being a small school our admission number has been set at 20. This means we can accept up to 20 children in each year group. However, parents can appeal if the admission number is reached.

All decisions regarding the admission of children into school rest with the Local Authority.

The arrangement of classes is the responsibility of the Head teacher. Careful consideration is given when classes are organised and whenever possible consideration is given to parental opinion.

A meeting is arranged for all parents and carers of new school entrants.