

- a. Has been employed at the School for two or more years at the time of application; and/or
- b. Was recruited to fill a vacant post for which there was a demonstrable skill shortage.

Children in categories 1 to 3 above will be treated equally.

4. All other children.

Order of Allocation

The order in which places will be allocated in categories 1 to 3 above will be by reference to the distance the child lives from the School, with those living closest to the School receiving highest priority. The distance will be measured as the straight line distance from the point of the child's home address to the School.

Tie Breaker

Where two or more children live an equal distance from the School within categories 1 to 4, random allocation supervised by someone independent of the School will be used as a tie-breaker to determine the order in which places are allocated.

Child's Home Address

The child's home address will be taken as the address where the child lives at the time of application.

Deferred Entry to Reception Year

Children are entitled to a full-time place in Reception Year in the September following their fourth birthday. Children do not, however, reach compulsory school age until one of three prescribed days following their fifth birthday (or on their fifth birthday, if it falls on a prescribed day). These prescribed days are 31 December, 31 March and 31 August.

Parents who achieve a place for their child in Reception Year have a right to decide that they will defer the date that their child will start school until their child reaches compulsory school age, without losing the achieved place.

Parents cannot defer the date that their child will start school beyond the first day of the final term of the school year without losing the place that has been achieved, which will then be allocated to another child. Parents have a right to release the achieved place to Year 1 (which is subject to availability of a place) or make a request for admission outside normal age group to Reception Year (which is at the discretion of the Trust Board).

Part-Time Attendance in Reception Year

Parents have a right to decide that their child will attend school part-time until they reach compulsory school age on one of the three prescribed dates set out in the School Admissions Policy.

