



Slaley First School

Admissions Policy

2024-2025

Nurturing Ambitious Individuals

SLALEY FIRST SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Main School

The complete County Council Admission arrangements are available to view at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1.aspx#admissionpolicies>

Please note applications to the main school, after first contacting the school, are made to Northumberland County Council.

Our current admission limit is 10 pupils per year group.

Over-subscription Criteria

When the number of applications for Sleafy First School exceed the number of places available in the year group in question, the County Council Admission arrangements will be followed where priority will be given to the following categories of pupils in descending order of merit.

1. Pupils who are looked after or previously looked after children.
2. Pupils residing within the catchment area of the school and those on whose behalf firm evidence is presented that they will be resident in the catchment area by the appropriate admission date.
3. Pupils on whose behalf exceptional medical or social need is presented. This will normally have to be supported by a professionally involved third party.
4. Pupils who have an older brother or sister who already attends the school and who is expected to be on roll at the time of admission.
5. Pupils living within the greater catchment area of the school partnership
6. Pupils on whose behalf preferences are expressed on grounds other than those outlined above.

Should it prove necessary because places are limited, to distinguish between pupils in any given category, priority will be given to those who live nearest to the school. This is measured in a direct line 'as the crow flies' from the front door of the home to the main gate of the school checked using County Council software.

Applications on behalf of children who are resident in other Local Authority areas will be considered in the same way as Northumberland residents.

Nursery Admissions

Sleafy First School's Governing Body sets the admission policy for nursery and applications for a nursery place are made directly to the school. Attendance at the nursery does not necessarily guarantee admission to the school and parents of children will still need to apply to the County Council for a place if they want their child to transfer into the Reception class.

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to make nursery education available to all three and four year olds whose parents wish them to have a place.

Children may access up to 30 hours per week (15 of which are funded) at Slaley First School the day after their third birthday. Further hours (up to 30 per week) can be accessed, however, funding for this is dependent upon personal financial circumstances. 'Funded' means provision through the school, registered with the Local Authority.

Local Authorities use prescribed dates for determining eligibility for the free place entitlement. Applications for a nursery place will need to be made by the end of January prior to the academic year in which the child starts nursery.

If we have spaces, children can be admitted as early as the day after their 3rd birthday.

Priority for admissions is in line with the 'Whole School Policy' on school admissions including nursery as follows:

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4. Pupils who have an older brother or sister who already attends the school and who is expected to be on roll at the time of admission.
5. Pupils living within the greater catchment area of the school partnership
6. Pupils on whose behalf preferences are expressed on grounds other than

If applications are made after the January deadline then applicants will be treated on a 'first come first serve basis.' When multiple applicants are received after the deadline then the above criteria on nursery admission will be followed.

Attendance at the nursery does not necessarily guarantee admission to the school and parents of children will still need to apply for a place if they want their child to transfer into the Reception class.

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