



Learn-AT Admissions Policy

Part Two – The School/Academy

This section of the Admissions Policy explains how the overarching Learn-AT policy applies in Blaby Stokes CE Primary School, including how admissions are prioritised.

1. Introduction to the academy/school

Blaby Stokes CE Primary School is a co-educational school for children in the 4+ to 11 age range which is affiliated to the Church of England and a member of Learn Academies Trust. The school occupies two buildings set amid spacious grounds which cater for a wide range of sporting activities and include environmental and wildlife areas.

Blaby Stokes CE Primary School's mission is:

- **To promote** the highest standards in all respects of the curriculum by ensuring that all pupils develop to their full potential.
- **To encourage** learning by providing a welcoming, friendly and supportive environment.
- As a Church of England school we will encourage the pupils **to develop** a sensitive understanding of their own beliefs as well as helping them respect the beliefs of others.
- **To show concern and care** for all members of the school community;
- **To nurture links** between school, home and local community and cultivate the foundations of mutual respect and responsibility.
- **To support** all staff by providing opportunities for their professional development.

The school aims:

- **To establish a very happy, secure, well ordered and stimulating environment for staff and children to work within:**
 - to promote respect for others and their property;
 - to promote good working habits, and encourage an enquiring mind and self-discipline;
 - to encourage children to take a pride in what they do;
 - to offer the children a broad and stimulating curriculum so that each child will, to the best of their ability:
 1. Learn to use language effectively and develop a love of books/literature.
 2. Develop a knowledge and understanding of mathematical concepts and operations.
 3. Learn to investigate the environment in a scientific way and take an interest in caring for the environment.
 4. Acquire and develop a knowledge and understanding of geography, history and religion.



5. Be encouraged to enjoy and communicate through aesthetic and physical activities such as art, craft, drama, movement, music and physical education.

- **To give support and encouragement when difficulties arise:**
 - to recognise the role of parents as partners in the learning process;
 - to encourage a positive relationship between home, school and the community;
 - to promote the international dimension in the school.

- **To ensure equal access and opportunity for all pupils:**
 Blaby Stokes CE Primary School wishes to promote equality of opportunity for all, and good relations between people of different racial groups. Racially offensive language or behaviour is unacceptable in our school where we aim to develop attitudes and ways of behaving that are appropriate to living in a society which wishes to eradicate racism.

Blaby Stokes Church of England Primary School



2. Planned Admission Number

The Planned Admission Number (PAN) for first-time admission to Reception in this academy/school is:	60
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3. Criteria for prioritising admissions in Blaby Stokes CE Primary School

The following criteria, in the order listed, will be used to allocate places if there are more applications than places available:

a	<p>“Looked After” children and those children who were previously “looked after” but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order (In such circumstances a letter from the last Local Authority which the child was in the care of will be required).</p> <p>A “looked after” child is a child who is (i) in the care of a local authority or (ii) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).</p>
b	<p>Children who live in the catchment area of Blaby Stokes CE Primary School. The child's place of residence is taken to be the parental home. Living in the catchment area does not guarantee a place at the catchment school.</p>
c	<p>Children who will have an older sibling attending Blaby Stokes CE School at the same time.</p> <p>Sibling is defined in these arrangements as including natural brother or sister, half-brother or sisters, and legally adopted child being regarded as a brother or sister.</p>
d	<p>Children who have a serious medical condition or exceptional social or domestic needs that make it essential they attend Blaby Stokes CE Primary School.</p> <p>Supporting documentation from the Lead Professional must be supplied and must be submitted with the application. The following list are the areas that are considered exceptional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crown Servants • Children in the care of a LA • Children subject to Child Protection Plans • Parents suffering domestic violence (subject to documentary evidence by a lead professional) • A child for whom transfer to the catchment area school would involve attending a different school until (s)he is the right age for transfer (dependent on the child having attended the present school for at least a year) <p><i>Each case will be assessed on its individual merits by the Local Governing Body, who will make a recommendation to the Trust Admission Committee.</i></p>
e	<p>Children living nearest to the school, measured in a straight-line distance (this is undertaken by the Local Authority).</p> <p>Distance is measured from the point that the home property's front entrance meets a public highway to the school's main designated front gate, using electronic mapping</p>

Children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) have a different admission process. If a child has an EHCP or parents are in the assessment process, it is



important to have a discussion with the headteacher about what to do next. There is more information in Part 1 of this policy at paragraph 1.11

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in category (f) above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and Blaby Stokes CE Primary School is the same. In such cases lots will be drawn supervised by an independent officer.

In the event of that there are more applications than places available, Blaby Stokes CE Primary School may need to ask for proof of the following when applying the criteria for prioritising admissions:

- Address
- Child's date of birth
- Copy of an adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order and a letter from the Local Authority that last looked after the child confirming that (s) he was looked after immediately prior to that order being made.

Significant Change of Circumstances

If a change of circumstances takes place after the closing date for applications but before all places have been allocated, then the change of circumstances will be taken into account within the allocation process.

If a change of circumstances takes place after all places at the school have been allocated the application will be added to the waiting list in a position which reflects the published priority criteria.

Appeals

When an application for a place at this school is unsuccessful, information about appealing the decision can be found here:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/leicester-diocesan/UploadedDocument/c62a70f3bab343299bf608376d89cfdb/appeal-form-supporting-information.pdf>