



Carrant Brook Junior School

Admissions Policy 2025-2026

Last updated: September 2023 (7 year Consultation)

Pupils will be admitted to Carrant Brook Junior School at age seven, without reference to ability, aptitude or disability. The number of available admissions for the year commencing September 2016 and subsequent years (unless formally reviewed) will be 60 pupils.

Over-Subscriptions

Where applications for admissions exceed the number of places available the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below to decide which children to admit.

(i) Looked After Children/Previously Looked After Children Definition

A 'looked after child' (1) or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption(2) child arrangements order (residency order) (3) or special guardianship order (4) including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (5).

(1) A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. In Gloucestershire, such children are referred to as Children in Care.

(2) This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders).

(3) Under the provisions of section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which amend section 8 of the Children Act 1989, residence orders have now been replaced by child arrangements orders.

(4) See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

*(5) Looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.**

**A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.*

(ii) 'Children who have a sibling * attending the school and who will continue to do so when the younger child is admitted'

*** Sibling definition**

The admission criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools offers a higher priority for children with siblings who will be attending the school (including Sixth Form where available) when the applicant child is admitted. For this purpose, sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner as well as children who are brought together as a family by a same sex civil

partnership. In every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address, at the time of application.

(iii) “Children for whom only one particular school is appropriate due to an exceptional medical condition. *Applications under this criterion will only be considered if they are supported by a written statement from the child’s doctor. This must demonstrate that there is a very specific connection between the medical need and the facilities or resources of the school concerned.*”

(iv) Proximity of the child’s home to the school as measured by the following formula: *-Children with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey point of the child’s home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey point of the school, using the Local Authority’s computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority.*

NB. This will also be used as the ‘overriding criteria’ in the event of over-subscription in any of the above.

Where any particular category at points i) to iii) is oversubscribed, criterion iv) (strongest geographical claim based on straight line distance) will be used to determine which child will be offered a place.

In the event of a tie between two or more children when applying criterion iv) (strongest geographical claim based on straight line distance) where there are not enough places available to offer all children a place at the school, a process of random allocation will be followed by the Governing Body.

General

The school will agree any changes to its admission arrangements with the Secretary of State for Education and Employment and the Local Authority. It will establish arrangements for appeals against non-admission which will include an independent element. Details of admissions and appeals arrangements will be published each year and or as a part of the publicly available School Prospectus.

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The school is required to admit a child with a Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) that names the school, even if the school is full.

Waiting Lists

If the school is over-subscribed, a waiting list will be held for (at least) the first school term (ie until the end of the December term). The waiting list will be prioritised according to the school’s over subscription criteria. (Para 3.19 of new code).

The school has signed up to the In-Year Fair Access Protocols held by the Local Authority. Should a vulnerable child within these Protocols require a place at the school, they will take precedent over any child on the waiting list. (Para 3.21 of new code).

In-Year Admissions

The Local Authority will no longer be responsible for offering places to children on behalf of all schools/academies, but the Local Authority does maintain the statutory duty of being responsible and aware of all pupils and vacancies within schools/academies within Gloucestershire. To apply for a place at a Community or Voluntary Controlled School, parents should therefore contact the school in the first instance.

Transport.

School transport is NOT available.

The governing body validated the above statement on 20th September 2023

Chair of Governors - Mrs Gillian Horsey

Signed: *G Horsey*