

SUNNYMEDE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Learning for a Better Tomorrow

Admissions Policy 2021-2022



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Headteacher's signature	Chair of Governor's Signature
	

Parents who wish their children to attend Sunnymede Junior School must apply in accordance with the co-ordinated admission arrangements published by Essex County Council in the Primary Education in Essex booklet. Applications for a place at the school will be handled in accordance with the co-ordinated arrangements set out in the booklet.

Pupils will be admitted to the school without reference to ability or aptitude.

The published number to admit in each year group is 64.

Where a child has a statement of Special Educational Need / EHCP and Sunnymede Junior School is the named school, then the child will be admitted.

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

OVER-SUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

Where applications exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order given, to decide which children to admit:

1. **Looked After Children*** and previously Looked After Children (where a place is formally requested by the closing date)
2. children attending the partner infant school (where a place is formally requested by the closing date)
3. Children living in the priority admission area with a **sibling**** attending the school or partner infant school at the time of entry
4. Other children living in the priority admission area
5. Children living in the geographical area of Billericay (as defined on the map available at the school) with a sibling attending the school or partner infant school at the time of entry
6. Other children living in the geographical area of Billericay (as defined)
7. Children living outside the geographical area of Billericay (as defined) with a sibling attending the school or partner infant school at the time of entry
8. Remaining applications

*** LA Looked After Children definition:**

A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order. 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 (as defined in Section 22(1) of the Children

****LA Sibling definition:**

For applications made in the normal admission round: a relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends the preferred school or partner school in any year group excluding year 6. Biological and adopted siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

For mid-year applications: a sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit in the same family household and address as a child who attends or has been offered a place at the preferred school or partner school at the time of

application and determination and with a reasonable expectation that the sibling will be attending at the time of admission.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school with those living closest being given highest priority. Straight line distances will be calculated using address point data on a computerised Geographical Information System (GIS).

EXCEPTIONAL MEDICAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Exceptional medical reasons may override other admission criteria if supported by robust medical evidence. Details can be found in the most recent version of the *Primary Education in Essex booklet*.

YEAR 3 ADMISSIONS

Where a parent of a pupil from Sunnymede Infant School intends for their child to transfer to Sunnymede Junior School, they must apply for a Junior School place via Essex County Council school admissions. Applications are invited on-line via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions and must arrive by the closing date stated in the Primary Education in Essex booklet and below.

It is the responsibility of parents to apply for a school place at the correct times. Parents and carers do not receive any letters from Essex County Council to inform them that they must apply for their child's Year 3 school place at Sunnymede Junior School. The closing date for applications is that published by the Local Authority in the Primary Education in Essex booklet

Application opening, closing and offer dates are as published by the local authority.

Application for admission into Year 3 for pupils not in attendance at Sunnymede Infant School must be made on the Primary Schools Common Admission Form and sent to Essex County Council to arrive by the closing date stated in the Primary Education in Essex booklet.

LATE APPLICATIONS

Applications for Year 3 places received after the published closing date will be treated as late. Late applications will be given a lower priority and will be dealt with after all on time applications.

Late applications for Year 3 and waiting lists will be handled in accordance with the co-ordinated admissions scheme operated by the Local Authority and published in the Primary Education in Essex booklet.

WAITING LIST

In accordance with the co-ordinated admissions scheme published by Essex County Council, in the event of oversubscription for applications for Year 3, the Local Authority will hold a waiting list for Year 3 applicants until the first day of the autumn term when they will pass it to the school. Thereafter, the School will maintain the waiting list until the end of the academic year.

ANY OTHER ADMISSIONS (YEARS 4,5 and 6 and Y3 admissions outside the normal admissions round)

For any other admissions to the school, an application should be made directly to Essex County Council using the 'In-Year Application form', which is available from Essex County Council www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available for the given year group, the above admissions criteria will apply.

Sunnymede Junior School will continue to hold a waiting list. All waiting lists will be maintained in priority order of the admissions criteria as set out above.

APPEALS

If, due to over subscription, the School is unable to offer a place to a child, the parents/carers will be given information on how to appeal against that decision. Parents have the right to appeal to an independent statutory Appeals Panel.

VISITS TO THE SCHOOL

Informal visits to the school to view facilities and discuss your child's education are welcomed.