

Admissions

Parents may apply online at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/admissions or by completing a paper application and returning it to County Hall. Forms can be returned to the school which will in turn be forwarded to County.

Ocklynge Junior School uses the Admissions Criteria that is set by East Sussex County Council which are listed below and are available on the following link:
https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/admissions_rules/decisions/

In year admission criteria - 2016/17

If a school is over-subscribed these priorities will be used to decide who gets a place at community and voluntary controlled schools (apart from Frant CE Primary – see below) ie those schools controlled by East Sussex County Council.

Admissions priorities – School year 2016/17

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children

These are children in the care of a local authority and those who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or subject to Child Arrangements Order or special guardianship orders) immediately following being looked after.

2. Children who will have a brother or sister at the school (or a linked infant or junior school) at the time of admission

Children are 'siblings' if they are full, half, adoptive or foster brother or sister living in the same household and includes siblings attending sixth forms. [See Page 62 of the Admissions booklet for a list of the linked infant and junior schools \(opens new window\) \(Adobe PDF, 588k\).](#)

3. Children wishing to transfer between a linked infant and junior school

This only applies to children leaving Year 2 at an infant school selecting a particular junior school.

4. Children living within a pre-defined community area

Each home address in the county falls within a community area although living in a community area does not guarantee a place. See the maps of the various community areas in the admissions booklet:

- [Part 2 for infant/junior/primary schools \(opens new window\) \(Adobe PDF, 448k\)](#)
- [Part 3 for secondary schools \(opens new window\) \(Adobe PDF, 538k\)](#)

5. Children living outside the pre-defined community area

This covers children who do not fit into any other criteria.

Tiebreaker

If a community or voluntary controlled school is still oversubscribed have applied the criteria, places will be decided by prioritising applications on the basis of the shortest route from home to school using surfaced, passable routes.

- Distances are measured from the child's home to the nearest gate used by pupils at the school Using our Geographical Information System (GIS).
- The routes taken for admissions purposes do not include unmade footpaths and there must be a public right of way.
- For split site schools, we will measure to the site where the child will attend for the majority of lessons.

If, having applied the tiebreaker applicants live the same distance from a school, we will use random allocation to decide which children will be offered the remaining places. This will be done electronically using the admissions software.

Admission rules from September 2017

From September 2017 admissions arrangements are changing for children starting or changing school. See the [admissions criteria \(opens new window\) \(Adobe PDF, 52k\)](#) adopted by East Sussex County Council. Please take particular note of the new tiebreaker method.

Classes at Ocklynge

At Ocklynge Junior School, the children are organised into 6 mixed ability classes in each year group with 35 pupils in each class. These classes are carefully put together when children join Ocklynge in Year 3 from the feeder infant schools. We do keep classes to a maximum of 35 and the only exception to this is if a child is offered a place at school through the Fair Access Protocol (FAP) or by successfully winning an appeal.