

# **Richard Avenue Primary School**

## **Admissions Policy**

**Date of policy: Annual Autumn 2019**

RAPS has adopted the LA Admissions Policy.

The full version of this can be found on the Sunderland City Council website

<https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/schools-admissions>

by searching for Sunderland City Council School Admissions – looking for the link to ‘Admission to Primary Schools’.

The specific admission criteria is as follows...

### **Admission to Primary Schools (including Infant & Junior Schools) Information for Parents 2019/2020**

#### **Admissions criteria**

The LA is responsible for the admission criteria for all Community and Voluntary Controlled schools. As a result of a review, from September 2003, the council’s Cabinet agreed that the catchment system should be stopped and replaced by a cluster system. A cluster is a group of primary schools (including Infant and Junior Schools) which feed into a single secondary school.

#### **The admission criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools is as follows:**

- (i) ‘Looked-after’ child – a child that is ‘looked-after’ by a Local Authority, in accordance with Section 22 of the Children’s Act 1989 and a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so, because of adoption (or become subject to a child arrangement order, residence order or special guardianship order).
- (ii) Attendance in Key Stage 1 (age 4-6+) at the named feeder infant school. (This applies to Infant-Junior transfers only).
- (iii) A sibling link – an older brother/sister or older child (including adoptive or step-children) that shares the same parent/carer and lives at the same address, who will still be attending the preferred school or the junior school for which the preferred school is the feeder infant school, at the time of admission.
- (iv) Exceptional medical or psychological reasons (you must include a medical or psychological report, prepared by a professional, to confirm information which you include in this section. This report should explain why only this school can meet your child’s medical or psychological needs. Common childhood medical conditions such as asthma or giving a child’s nervousness at starting a new school as a psychological reason for choosing a particular school are unlikely to be accepted as exceptional.) If you intend to use this criterion when expressing a preference, please contact the School Admissions Team before completing the application form. (Eligibility under this category will be considered by a meeting of Senior LA Officers).
- (v) Pupils for whom preferences are expressed on grounds other than those outlined above.

Within each of the above categories, places will be offered on the basis of distance from the centre of the home to the main entrance of the school with priority being given to those living closest to the school. Distance is measured by the shortest safest walking distance, using a Geographical Information System (GIS).

Where a pupil has an Education, Health and Care Plan or a statement of special educational need naming a school, a place will be offered at that school (subject to confirmation by the SEN Unit).

It will be possible for Infant classes to exceed the statutory limit where the 31st child is a twin or from multiple births, or of armed forces personnel.

Parents who are refused a place have a statutory right of appeal. Further details of the appeals process will be included with the notification letter (and are outlined on pages 221- 223) but are also available from the School Admissions Team.