

# Arkengarthdale C of E Primary School

## Admission Policy

Arkengarthdale School serves its local community and welcomes all children irrespective of faith, gender, ability, ethnicity and social circumstances.

September is the earliest point for admission to the reception class at this school but is not a compulsory start date. All parents can defer admission within the reception year until the beginning of the term following their child's fifth birthday. This is a decision for the parent to make, taking all factors into account including the advice of educational professionals. Those parents who decide that their child should defer must inform the Headteacher. The place offered for their child will be held open and will not be offered to another child. Children born between 1 April and 31 August cannot defer admission to reception into the following September but can apply for a place in year 1. This would be an in-year application, no earlier than the half term in June.

Children from outside our catchment area must apply to the Education Department, County Hall, Northallerton, North Yorkshire. DL7 8AE in the Summer term, prior to attending school full time.

Our admission limit for 2013/14 & 14/15 is 8 into reception. This has been agreed with North Yorkshire Education Authority.

All governing bodies are required by section 324 of the Education Act 1996 to admit to the school a child with a statement of special needs that names that school. This is not an oversubscription criterion. This relates only to children who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final statement of special education needs has been issued.

In the event of the school being over subscribed, places will be offered in the following priority area:

<b>ORDER OF PRIORITY:</b>	<b>Notes:</b>
<b>Priority Group 1:</b> Children and young people in Public Care for whom the school has been expressed as a preference.	<i>This applies to all looked-after children, including those who are in the care of another local authority.</i>
<b>Priority Group 2 :</b> Children the Authority believes have special social or medical reasons for admission.	<i>We will only consider applications on social or medical grounds if they are supported by a professional recommendation from a doctor, social worker, or other appropriate professional. The supporting evidence should set out the particular social or medical reason(s) why the school in question is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school. Panels of professionally qualified people will consider all applications made under priority group 2.</i>
<b>Priority Group 3 :</b> Children living within the normal area of the school.	
<b>Priority Group 4:</b> Children living outside the normal area of the school.	

*Children in higher numbered priority groups will be offered places ahead of those in lower numbered priority groups. All applications within each priority group will be considered equally ( i.e. all applications, regardless of order of preference).*

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*If there are not enough places for all the children in one of these priority groups, we will give priority first to those with a sibling at the school ( in all cases 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 where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling ) and then to those living nearest the school.*

*If within a priority group there are not enough places for all those with a sibling at the school, we will give priority to those children with a sibling living nearest the school.*

*All distance measurements are based on the nearest route recognised by the County Councils electronic mapping system from a child's home address to school. The measurement is made from a fixed point within the dwelling, as identified by Ordnance Survey, to the nearest school entrance using footpaths and roads. The routes measured to determine the allocation of school places will be those recognised by the electronic mapping system used by the school admissions team.*

*We may be able to meet your preference for a place at a school that does not serve the local area you live in. In this case, you will normally be responsible for travel arrangements and the costs of your child's travel to and from school.*

All parents of prospective pupils are welcome to visit school to discuss admission arrangements and parents of reception children will receive a welcome pack.

The Two Dales Nursery Class is based at Reeth Community Primary School and caters for all three and four year old children in the area.

**Equal Opportunities:**

It is the responsibility of all teachers to ensure that the guidelines outlined in this policy are the same for all pupils, irrespective of gender, ability, ethnicity, and social circumstances.