

THERFIELD FIRST SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Admissions to Therfield School are determined by the local authority under the Hertfordshire County Council Determined School Admission Arrangements.

Hertfordshire County Council's oversubscription criteria for community and voluntary controlled, first, infant, primary, junior and middle schools

Section 324 of the Education Act 1996 requires the governing bodies of all maintained schools to admit a child with a statement of special educational needs that names their school. Schools must also admit children with an EHC (Education, Health and Care) Plan that names the school.

Rule 1 Children looked after and children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order).

Rule 2 Medical or Social: Children for whom it can be demonstrated that they have a particular medical or social need to go to the school.

A panel of officers will determine whether the evidence provided is sufficiently compelling to meet the requirements for this rule. The evidence must relate specifically to the school applied for under Rule 2 and must clearly demonstrate why it is the only school that can meet the child's needs.

Rule 3 Linked School: In the case of junior schools, children who attend the linked infant school at the time of their application.

This rule only applies to pupils who are currently attending Infant school which has a linked junior school.

Rule 4 Sibling: Children who have a sibling on the roll of the school or linked school at the time of application.

This applies to reception through to Year 5 in infant, junior and primary schools; and from reception through to Year 3 in first schools; and from Year 5 to Year 7 in middle schools

Rule 5 Nearest School: Children for whom it is their nearest community or voluntary-controlled school or an own admitting school or academy using Hertfordshire County Council's admission rules

Rule 6 Distance: Children who live nearest to the school.

If your child does not qualify under Rule 5, they will be under Rule 6.

These rules are applied in the order they are printed above. If more children qualify under a particular rule than there are places available, a tiebreak will be used by applying the next

rule to those children. Where there is a need for a tie-breaker where two different addresses measure the same distance from a school, in the case of a block of flats for example the lower door number will be deemed nearest as logically this will be on the ground floor and therefore closer. If there are two identical addresses of separate applicants, the tie break will be random.

How parents can apply for their child to be admitted to our school

Children enter school in the academic year they become five. Therfield School has one intake at the start of the school year in September.

For details on how to make an application to
<http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/admissions/>

For help and support please contact the **Customer Service Centre** on: **0300 123 4043**

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