



**Runwell Community
Primary School**

ADMISSIONS POLICY

2022/2023

**This Policy was formally adopted by the Governing Body on
11th November 2020**

Policy to be reviewed annually

Next review date November 2021

Summary of Recent Updates and Changes

Date	Description
Nov 2020	No changes to previous year

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General

Runwell Community Primary School is a publicly funded independent school. The school has an agreed annual admission number of 60 pupils per year. The School is not a selective school and admits children against the following process and criteria:

Consideration of Applications

1. Runwell Community Primary School will consider all applications for places. Where fewer than 60 applications are received, the School will offer places to all those who have applied.
2. Runwell Community Primary School may refuse admission to particular applicants in cases where fewer than the published admission number have applied. These are applicants who have been excluded from two or more other schools, and the ability to refuse admissions runs for a period of two years from the last exclusion.
3. There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

Procedures where the School is oversubscribed

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admissions number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below. The criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out below:

1. Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.
2. Children living in the priority admission area of the school with a sibling attending the school at the time of application and admission;
3. Children living in the priority admission area of the school;
4. Children attending Runwell Community Primary School's nursery;
5. Children living outside the priority admission area of the school with a sibling attending the school at the time of application and admission;
6. Remaining applications.

A child with an Educational Health and Care Plan that names Runwell Community Primary School will be admitted irrespective of the admissions criteria.

Exceptional medical circumstances (supported by evidence) or special personal circumstances relating to the child which necessitate attendance at Runwell Community Primary School (supporting written evidence will be required from a professional e.g. social worker) may override the above (other than Looked After Children and those with an Education Health Care Plan) at the discretion of the School Admissions Committee.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Where the comparison and calculation of distance is the same for more than one application, any remaining places will be randomly allocated.

Definitions

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 (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

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Sibling Is defined in these arrangements as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters.

Operation of Waiting Lists

Where in any year Runwell Community Primary School receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate. This will be maintained by the Runwell Community Primary School and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application and, if wanted, an appeal for the school. The child will remain on the waiting list for one term.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the over-subscription criteria set out above.

Summer Born Children

If your child is summer born (defined as born 1st April – 31st August 2018) and you want them to start school in a Reception class in September 2023 (rather than starting in the 2022-23 academic year) you must first of all contact the school and seek the Headteacher's views of the delayed admission request in writing by 30th November 2021. Parents are then requested to submit the written response from the Headteacher with the formal application.

A request to defer entry will not be granted automatically and each case will be considered individually by the admission committee of the governing body based on the professional evidence submitted. If the request to defer your application is granted, this will entitle you to apply for a reception place in the September 2023 admission intake. You will need to make a paper application for a school place for the 2023-24 academic year.

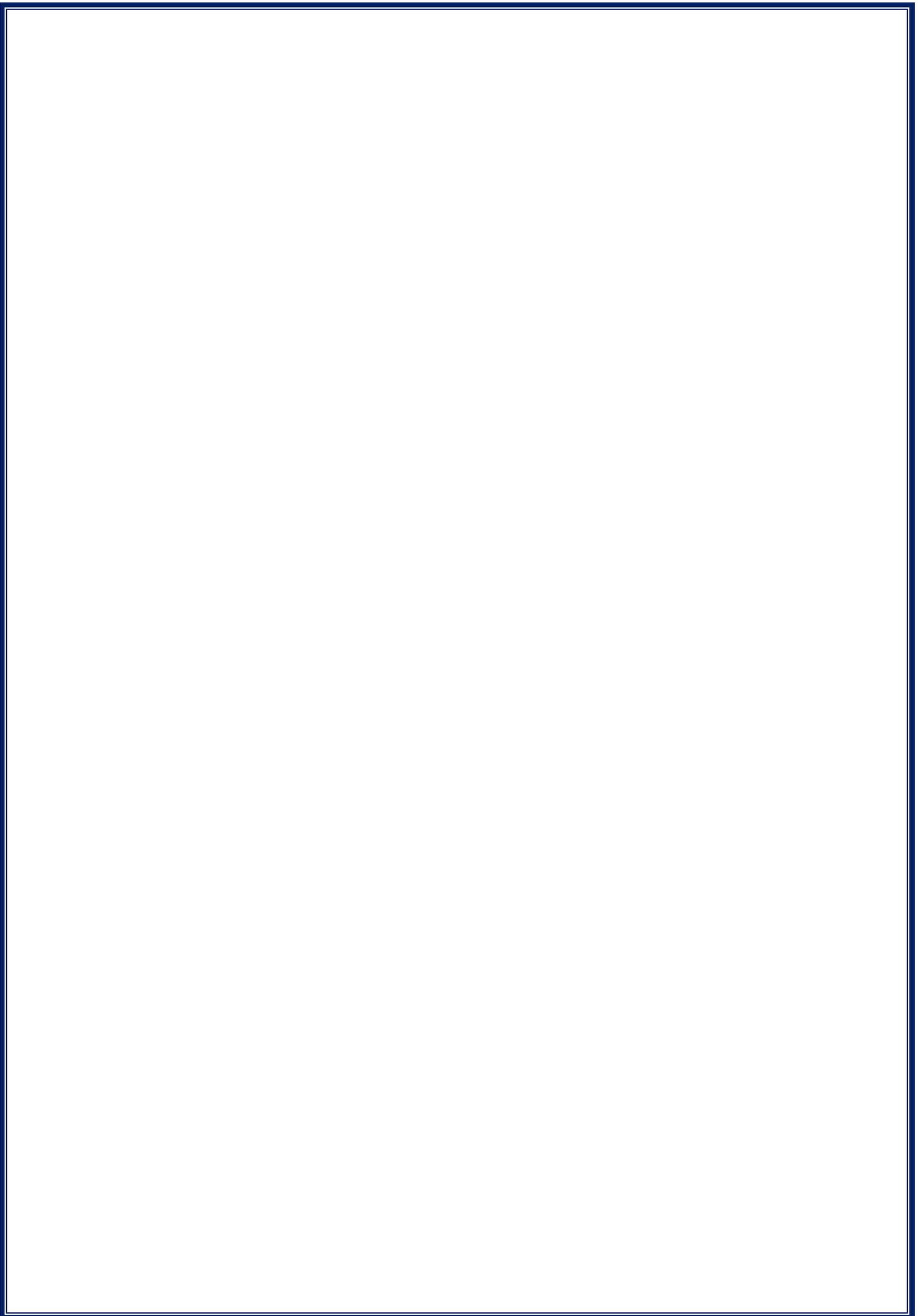
Arrangements for Appeals Panels

Parents may lodge an appeal on receipt of notification that their application for a place was unsuccessful. The reasons for refusal will be indicated on this notice. Appeals will be heard by an independent appeal panel whose decision will be final.

Arrangements for Admitting Pupils to Other Year Groups

(Including replacing any pupils who have left the School)

Applications to the school for places other than the normal admission round will be considered on an ongoing basis and places will be offered, subject to the admission criteria above, where vacancies are available.





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