

HORIZON PRIMARY ACADEMY

ADMISSIONS POLICY & OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA SEPTEMBER 2020

Horizon Primary Academy admits 30 pupils into each year group. Children are admitted to the Reception Class in the school year in which they have their fifth birthday. The school will implement its oversubscription criteria based on the information supplied below. In the event of oversubscription in any year group, the following criteria will be applied, in priority order:

- 1) Children in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care – a 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. A 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).
- 2) Children with brother or sisters attending Horizon Primary Academy at the time of entry. Brother or sister means children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers and sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters.
- 3) Children with medical or social needs which make the school particularly suitable for the child. Medical/health and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians' physical or mental health or social needs mean that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the particular school.
- 4) Any other pupils

Nearness of children's homes to school - we use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school, measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by NLPG. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. When we apply the distance

criterion for the school, these straight line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school.

The school maintains waiting lists for all year groups which are updated on a regular basis.

Queries about the Admissions Policy should be addressed to the Chairman of Governors c/o Horizon Primary Academy.

You have the right of appeal to an independent panel against the refusal of a place at our school; should you wish to do so you should lodge your appeal with the admissions authority. You can do this in writing to: The Appeal Panel Administrator. Kent County Council, Democratic Services, Sessions House, County Hall, MAIDTONE, Kent. ME14, 1XQ or the Clerk to Governors at the school.

Published admission number (PAN) for 2020/21 is 30