

## **ADMISSIONS POLICY & OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA SEPTEMBER 2017**

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) Looked After Children/Children in Local Authority Care – a child under the age of 18 years for whom the local authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or who is the subject of a care order under Part IV of the Act. This applies equally to children who immediately after being looked after by the local authority became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. (As defined by Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or Section 8 or 14A 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

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

Allocations within each category will be based on the 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 Ordnance Survey address point data. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by Ordnance Survey. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody.

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 2017/18 is 30**