

THE FEDERATION OF NEWENT SCHOOLS

Picklenash Junior School Admissions Policy

Our Vision:

To ensure that everyone reaches their full potential in a safe, supportive and encouraging learning environment.

PICKLENASH JUNIOR SCHOOL

The school is a 7–11 Co-educational Junior School. There is one admission age group. The children are admitted to Picklenash Junior School in the September prior to their 8th birthday.

The standard number for this school is 60 (the Governors can decline to admit children in excess of this number).

All children at the end of year 2 at Glebe Infant School must complete the Local Authority on-line application found at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions. If you are unable to access this form on-line then you must contact the LA for a paper version.

Pupils who live within the Newent, Oxenhall, Upleadon, Kilcot and Gorsley (Gloucester) parishes will be admitted at age 7 without reference to ability or aptitude. (Map available to be viewed in school office.) Where applications for admissions exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below:

- a) Children in Public Care (Children In Care).

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Children In Care/Previously Looked After Children Definition

A 'looked after child' ⁽¹⁾ or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption ⁽²⁾ child arrangements order (residency order) ⁽³⁾ or special guardianship order ⁽⁴⁾.

- (1) 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) at the time of making an application to a school. In Gloucestershire, such children are referred to as Children in Care.
- (2) This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders).
- (3) Under the provisions of s.12 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which amend section 8 of the Children Act 1989, residence orders have now been replaced by child arrangements orders.
- (4) See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

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- b) Children who have siblings attending the school and will continue to do so at the time of their admission. The definition of a sibling is “a brother or sister, half-brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent’s/carer’s partner, and in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address.”
- c) Children for whom only this particular school is appropriate due to an exceptional medical condition. Applications under this criterion will only be considered if they are supported by a written statement from a doctor. This must demonstrate that there is a very specific connection between the medical need and this school;
- d) Proximity of the child’s home to the school, distances measured from the child’s home to the school by a straight line measured from the Ordnance Survey address point of the child’s home address (including flats) to the Ordnance Survey point of the school, using the Local Authority’s computerised measuring system.
- e) In the event of oversubscription in any of the above criterion, places will be allocated to children with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey Address Point of the child’s home address (including flats) to the Ordnance Survey point of the school, using the Local Authority’s computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

In the event of a tie-break where any particular category at points a) - d) is oversubscribed, criterion e) (strongest geographical claim based on straight line distance) will be used to determine which child will be offered a place.”

In the event of a tie between two or more children when applying criterion e) (strongest geographical claim based on straight line distance) where there are not enough places available to offer all children a place at the school, a process of random allocation will be followed by the Governing Body witnessed by an independent person.

Right of Appeal

In the event of a parent wishing to appeal against refusal to admit they may appeal to an appeals committee established by the Governing Body using DCSf Code of Practice on School Admission Appeals under the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998.

Educational Health Care Plans

The school is required to admit a child with a Statement or Education Health Care Plan that names the school, even if the school is full.

Waiting Lists

If the school is oversubscribed, a waiting list will be held for (at least) the first school term (i.e. until end of December term). The waiting list will be prioritised according to the school’s oversubscription criteria.

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Fair Access Protocols

The school has signed up to the In-Year Fair Access Protocols held by the Local Authority. Should a vulnerable child within these Protocols require a place at the school, they will take precedent over any child on the waiting list. (Para 3.21 of new code).

In-Year Admissions

As a result of the changes to the code, we have updated our information to show that there is no requirement for local authorities to co-ordinate in year applications for the offer year 2017/18 and beyond. For in year applications only, the parents should in the first instance apply directly to their preferred school.

Home to School Transport

Gloucestershire County Council provides a service to enable children in the outlying areas of Newent to be transported to and from school. To use this service and get help with transport your child must:

- live in Gloucestershire,
- and** attend the nearest primary school to the home address,
- and** the home to school journey must be two miles or more for a child aged under eight, and three miles or more for a child aged eight or over.

For more information, please see the County Council website and search for 'home to school transport' or ring Gloucestershire County Council on 01452 425390.

This policy was ratified by the Governing body of The Federation of Newent Schools (Glebe Infants and Picklenash Juniors) in Autumn 2017.