



THE ASHBY FEDERATION

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Approved by:	Executive Head Teacher Chair of Governors
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1 Introduction

- 1.1** The Governing Body of Denton and Yardley Hastings Primary Schools applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend this school. The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 introduced a new framework for school admissions as of September 2000. This policy conforms to the regulations that are set out in that Act and are also further explained in the statutory School Admissions Code of Practice and the statutory Appeals Code of Practice.

2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1** We are an inclusive school that welcomes children from all backgrounds and abilities.
- 2.2** All applications will be treated on merit and in a sensitive manner.
- 2.3** The only restriction we place on entry is that of number. At Yardley Hastings the PAN (Published Admission Number) per year is 15 and Denton is 15. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available, the procedure below is followed by the LEA. It is our wish to allow parents the right to have a place at the school of their choice. However, this is not always possible, due to the excess demand on the school places available.
- 2.4** The level of ability of a child or any special needs that s/he may have plays no part in the admissions policy of this school.

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

- 3.1** As each school is a community school, the school determines the admission arrangements in agreement with the LEA. The LEA is therefore the 'Admissions Authority' for our school. The regulations for entry to each school, where the Admissions Authority is the LEA, are published each year by the LEA. Parents can receive a copy of these regulations directly from the LEA.
- 3.2** The LEA publishes a composite admissions prospectus each year, which gives information about how parents can apply for a place in the school of their choice. Parents have a right to express a preference for the school of their choice and they should do so on the application form. Expressing a preference does not, in itself, guarantee a place at the school. Application forms can be obtained from the Education Department of the LEA and should be completed by the date stipulated on the forms. The LEA notifies parents about the school place as soon as all the applications have been considered.
- 3.3** In this area, children enter school into the Reception year in the academic year they become five. There is one admissions date per year, early in September (i.e. at the start of the school year). Therefore, parents who would like their child to be admitted to this school during the year their child is five should ensure that they complete the necessary application form by the date advertised.
- 3.4** Nursery children may be admitted to the Foundation Stage class in the term after they are 3 years old. Parents need to apply to the school directly.

Availability of places is dependent on Reception pupil numbers, ensuring the ratio of Foundation Stage class size is not breached. Attendance at the Nursery is at the discretion of the Reception Teacher and Executive Headteacher to ensure the needs of individual children are met.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis for each session. In the event of over subscription, priority will be given to the children in the year prior to Reception.

- 3.5 Provision of a Nursery place is not a criteria of admission to either school.

4 Admission appeals

- 4.1 If we do not offer a child a place at the school, it is because to do so would prejudice the education of other children by allowing the numbers of children in the school to increase too much.
- 4.2 If parents wish to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying to the LEA. An independent appeals panel then meets to consider all appeals by parents who have been refused a place at our school and who wish to appeal against this decision. An appeals panel's decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decides that we should admit a child to our school, then we will accept this and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all the children at our school. (Details of appeal arrangements are set out in the Code of Practice on School Admissions Appeals, which came into force in September 1999.)
- 4.3 Appeals about admissions to Nursery should be made to the Executive Headteacher and if not resolved satisfactorily to the Governing Body.

5 The standard number

- 5.1 The standard number is the number of children the school can accommodate. The standard number for each school is:-

Denton:	15
Yardley Hastings:	15

We keep the number for each school under review and the governors will apply to change the number if circumstances allow.

6 Infant class size

- 6.1 We teach infant children (aged five to seven) in classes that have a maximum number of 30 children.

7 Review

- 7.1 This policy will be reviewed annually with the Admissions Authority in the light of any changed circumstances in our school or the local area.