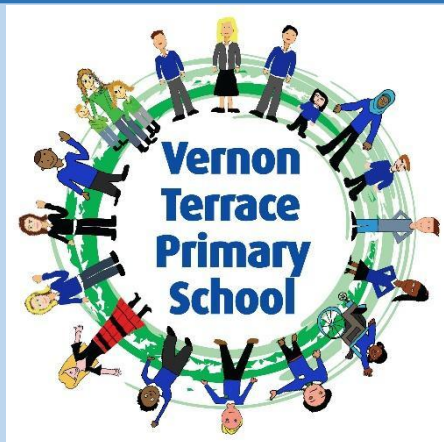


# **Vernon Terrace Primary School**

## **Admissions Policy**



### **VERNON TERRACE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

#### **ADMISSIONS POLICY**

Children become of statutory school age, and therefore must start school, no later than at the beginning of the term following their fourth birthday. Northamptonshire's Admissions Policy allow all children whose fifth birthday falls between 1st September and 31st August the opportunity to start school part-time for the first half-term of the Autumn Term, subject to the needs of individual pupils. Thereafter pupils would be

entitled to attend on a full-time basis unless it was considered that further part-time attendance would be in the best educational interests of the child. This gives children the opportunity of completing their first year of primary education during the school year in which they become five. This County Policy makes no change to the minimum statutory school age as explained above.

### **CATCHMENT AREA**

Vernon Terrace Primary School serves the designated area of the town of Northampton, as determined by The School Admissions Team, at West Northants Council. The school's standard admission number is 30.

Children from outside the designated area may take up a place in the school if the standard number for that year has not been reached. Governors will accept all children allocated by the Council Admissions Department from this designated area, up to the number in each year, regardless of race, colour, ethnic or national origin, creed or disability. Vernon Terrace Primary School offers equality of opportunity to all its pupils.

Under the present protocols set out by The Admissions Department at West Northants. Council, the school may not select pupils to admit nor refuse to accept pupils admitted by The Admissions Team without appealing.

### **APPEALS**

The Education Act 1980 allows appeals to be made against the allocation of a place at a school which does not meet with the preference expressed by a parent. In these circumstances parents are advised to contact The School Admissions Team at:

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions/appeal-school-place>

When distance is used to decide which children will be offered places at a Primary School, this will be measured by the shortest practical walking route. It may also be necessary to decide whether routes are safe for pupils to walk.

### **ADMISSION PROCEDURES**

If you are moving to the area and have children who are already of school age, please contact the Admission Department:

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions>

Complete the admission form, and they will contact you by letter/email to inform you of the school that is able to offer you a place. Vernon Terrace will be informed of all new entrants and will contact the parents as soon as they receive the paperwork from The School Admissions Team (this may be later than your letter/email so please be patient and wait for the school to contact you as they do not have any details).

For those of you who have children approaching school age, the admission procedure can be found at the following link:

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions>

If you are allocated a place in Reception at Vernon Terrace Primary, the induction programme for all reception children and their parents takes place in the Summer Term prior to starting school. Children will have the opportunity to visit the school to meet their teachers and mix with the other children who will be in their class. Parents will have the opportunity to find out much more about Vernon Terrace Primary School and how we provide for the children. There will also be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and meet many of the people who will be responsible for various aspects of your child's education or development.

### **NURSERY**

Vernon Terrace Primary School has a Nursery Unit which can take children from the academic term after their third birthday – this will be September, January and April.

Application forms are sent electronically by the school, please ring the school office to request one. This can be completed in advance of the child's third birthday. They will then be held on file. The school will ring you when a place becomes available. Applications will be dealt with on a first come first served basis, however if deemed as having significant SEND or Social Services involvement, a priority place would be offered.

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