



The Governors of

**Herons Dale Primary
School**

have adopted the following
policy:

Admissions Statement

Ratified by Governors: March 2017

Review Date: March 2024

Herons Dale Primary School - Admissions Statement

Admissions to Herons Dale Primary School are controlled by the local authority (West Sussex County Council) – The Children’s and Young People’s Service.

A child will be considered for admission if he or she is aged between 4 and 11 and has an Education, Health and Care Plan or Statement of Special Educational Needs indicating learning difficulties requiring substantial modification to curriculum and support arrangements beyond those available in mainstream schools. In all cases they will be achieving significantly below expectations for their age, typically working within P levels in core subjects.

The majority of students join the school in Reception, transferring from a range of Early Years provision, including, a specialist Nursery in Worthing and a Special Unit within a Nursery in Lancing. Other pupils may join us after having attended their local mainstream schools or Special Support Unit and referred for admission following re-assessment or recommendation from an Annual Review.

The usual time of entry is the beginning of the school year in September. Admission at other points in the year will be considered where families move into the catchment area of the school or where there are particular changes in the educational needs of a student that demand earlier intervention.

Informal visits are arranged for parents at the proposed statement or Education, Health and Care Plan stage, or prior to an Annual Review where special school placement may be considered. This will enable parents to be fully informed when naming a school as the parental preference. Once the placement panel has agreed, Statement/Education, Health and Care Plan and assessment papers are sent to the Headteacher for consideration.

Admission is dependent upon the school being able to meet the provision prescribed in the statement and availability of space in the most appropriate class. Further discussion with parents, with the current school, and taster sessions for the child may be arranged before a decision is made.

Parents who wish to discuss the statutory assessment process or general issues of support for children with special educational needs may like to contact the Parent Partnership Service (Telephone 0845 075 1008) or email parent.partnership@westsussex.gov.uk .

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