



Huyton with Roby CE Primary School

Admissions Arrangements 2023 - 2024

(2023-2024 is the fourth year in a seven year cycle for consultation.)

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Admissions Arrangements for September 2023-24

Admissions to schools within the Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust

The Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust (LDST) is the admission authority for all schools within the Trust. Responsibility for individual schools admissions arrangements are delegated to the Local Governing Body. These admissions arrangements relate specifically to admissions at Huyton with Roby CE Primary School and follow the requirements of the national School Admission Code and the requirements of the Knowsley Primary Admissions Scheme for 2023/24

The agreed admission number for entry to the reception classes is 60.

The agreed admission number for entry to the nursery classes is 60.

Responsibility for allocating places is delegated to the Governors Admission Committee which includes the headteacher.

When the number of requests for admission is more than the number of available places, following the admission of Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school, priority will be given in the following order.

Criteria for the allocation of school places

1.1. Children in public care and previously looked after children.

This includes any "looked after child", "previously looked after children" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to a child arrangement order. 'Looked after' means that the child was (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.

This criteria also includes looked after children and all previously looked after children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

1.2. Children whose parents worship regularly at St. Michael's Church, Huyton, St. Bartholomew's Church Roby and Trinity Church Huyton. See note regarding regular attendance.

Proof: clergy of one of the three churches to complete form in appendix 1

1.3. Children whose parents worship regularly at other Christian Churches in Huyton or Roby. See note regarding regular attendance.

Proof: clergy/pastor of the church to complete form in appendix 1

1.4. Children who have an older brother or sister on roll at the time of application and who will still be attending the school at the time of their admission. This includes full, half or step brothers and sisters, foster brothers or sisters and children who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit.

1.5. Other applicants.

In the event of a tie-break within any of the criteria above, children living the shortest distance from the school will have priority; this will be measured in a straight line from home to school, using the LA computer GIS system.

The address which receives child benefit will normally be used if the child's time is split between two homes, but the governing body reserves the right to request other proofs as fit the individual circumstances.

If there are two children who have exactly the same distance measurement, then random selection will be applied to determine the outcome.

Where the distance tiebreak does not assist e.g. twins, triplets wanting admissions and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the governing body will exercise as much flexibility as possible with the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances we are now able to offer places for both twins and all triplets, even when this means breaching infant class size limits.

Note. 1 Regular attendance is taken to mean a minimum of a fortnightly attendance at church at public worship for at least one year prior to seeking a clergy reference. Regular attendance of a parent or guardian must be provided by a member of the clergy or other designated church officer on the form provided.

Note. 2. The reception classes and key stage 1 classes are organized into 6 classes of no more than 30 in each.

The key stage 2 classes are organized into 8 classes of no more than 30 in each.

Note 3. Time scale for admissions to the reception classes is highlighted in the LA co-ordinated admission booklet for the relevant academic year.

Note 4. If parents or carers choose to submit a faith reference from the clergy in appendix 1, then it is their responsibility to return it to the school by the closing date given. *In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship*".

Note 5. The school must appear on the list of the three preferences on the relevant Local Authority form. Where no faith reference has been handed in, then applicants will be considered on the information on the common application form.

Note 6. Where an application is made for a reception place for a child who does not reach compulsory school age* by 31st August, it is possible to defer entry until later in the school year. The parent cannot, of course, defer entry beyond the beginning of the term after the child's fifth birthday.

Parents of summer-born children may request the governors' agreement to apply for a reception place the year following the normal reception intake date. Parents who wish to take up this option should apply for a place during the normal application year and submit at the same time the local authority's additional form to make the request. The Authority will pass the request to the Governing Body. Forms can be obtained from the Local Authority.

* Compulsory school age = beginning of term following 5th birthday.

Right of Appeal

Under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, parents have the right to appeal if their application is not successful in the first instance. Information about this is also provided by the LA. The right to appeal is through an independent Appeals Committee, set up in accordance with the 1998 Act. The appeal paperwork should be submitted to the governors of the school and the school will then organise an independent appeal.

Publication of admission criteria

The Governing Body will make this policy available to any interested parent.
The Governing Body will publish the main criteria in the school prospectus.
The Governing Body will make this policy available to other local schools.

Nursery Admissions.

Huyton with Roby CE Primary School has a 60 place nursery, i.e. 30 places in each session – morning and afternoon with some places reserved for the 30hr full time places. Governors shall ensure that a maximum of 60 part time places are available in the nursery each year. (Please note that not all 60 may be vacant, as it may be that some places are already filled by children already on roll and not yet old enough to be admitted to reception or accessing the 30hr childcare offer.)

NB - A place in the Nursery class does not guarantee a place in the reception classes the following year; application must be made on the relevant Local Authority form at the appropriate time.

The criteria and procedures below are followed for nursery admissions. Parents should note that children will be admitted to the Nursery class normally at the beginning of the academic year in which their fourth birthday falls. It is not common that places are available for younger children.

Parents should complete the school's nursery application form, and if they wish, the supplementary form regarding church attendance, (Appendix 2) and submit it to school no later than 15th January of the year in which September admission is sought. Allocation letters will be sent out on or around 16th April of the year in which September admission is sought.

If a place is offered, confirmation of date of birth and home address will be required. Where evidence is not satisfactory, places may be withdrawn.

Where there are more applicants than places available, the following priorities will be applied in order:

Criteria for the allocation of nursery places

1.1 Children in public care and previously looked after children.

This includes any "looked after child", "previously looked after children" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to a child arrangement order. 'Looked after' means that the child was (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.

This criteria also includes looked after children and all previously looked after children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

1.2 Children who are at least three years of age by 31st August 2023 and whose parents worship regularly at St. Michael's Church, Huyton, St. Bartholomew's Church Roby and Trinity Church Huyton. See note regarding regular attendance.

Proof: clergy of one of the three churches to complete form in appendix 2

1.3 Children who are at least three years of age from 31st August 2023 and whose parents worship regularly at other Christian Churches. See note regarding regular attendance.

Proof: clergy/pastor of the church to complete form in appendix 2

1.4 Children who are three years of age from 31st August 2023 and who have an older brother or sister on roll at the time of application and who will still be attending the school at the time of their admission. This includes full, half or step brothers and sisters, foster brothers or sisters and children who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit.

1.4 Other children who are at least three years old on 31 August 2023

In the event of a tie-break within any of the criteria above, children living the shortest distance from the school will have priority; this will be measured in a straight line from home to school, using the LA computer GIS system.

If there are two children who have exactly the same distance measurement, then random selection will be applied to determine the outcome.

The address which receives child benefit will normally be used if the child's time is split between two homes, but the governing body reserves the right to request other proofs as fit the individual circumstances.

Where the distance tiebreak does not assist e.g. twins, triplets wanting admissions and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the governing body will exercise as much flexibility as possible with the requirements of infant class sizes. In exceptional circumstances we are now able to offer places for both twins and all triplets, even when this means breaching infant class size limits.

Where places remain unfilled, applications on behalf of younger children will be considered:

1.5 Children who are at least 3 years old by 31st December 2023.

1.6 Children who are at least 3 years old by 31 March 2024

1.7 Children who are at least 3 years old by 31 July 2024

In the event of a tie-break within any of the criteria above, children living the shortest distance from the school will have priority; this will be measured in a straight line from home to school, using the LA computer GIS system. If there are two children who have exactly the same distance measurement, then random selection will be applied to determine the outcome.

Where the distance tiebreak does not assist e.g. twins, triplets wanting admissions and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the governing body would consider the possibility of offering places above the normal ratio limitations.

Note. 1 Regular attendance is taken to mean a minimum of a fortnightly attendance at church at public worship for at least the year prior to 1st September in the year before admission to nursery class.. Regular attendance of a parent or guardian must be provided by a member of the clergy or other designated church officer on the form provided.

Note. 2. The nursery classes are organised into 2 classes of no more than 30 in each.

Note 3. If parents or carers choose to submit the faith reference from the clergy in appendix 2, then it is their responsibility to return it to the school by the closing date given. *In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided*

alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship".

Please keep this copy of the admission policy for your own information.

Please contact the Headteacher or Clerk of Governors of the School if you need further information regarding admissions to Huyton with Roby C.E. (Aided) Primary School.

Appendix 1 Faith Ref from clergy.

Appendix 2 Faith Ref from clergy for nursery.

Prospective parents are warmly invited to visit the school but are asked to make an appointment in order that adequate time can be provided.

NB - Whether parents visit the school or not has no effect on consideration of their application.

Huyton- with- Roby School - Supplementary Form (Appendix 1)

This form should be completed in addition to the Local Authority preference form by any applicants who wish to be considered under criterion 1.2 or 1.3 of the school policy and returned directly to the school by the closing date specified.

This form will be disregarded if the applicant does not name Huyton- with- Roby School as a preference on the Local Authority application form.

Name of child:

Surname.....Christian names.....Date of Birth.....

Name of parent/guardian.....

Address.....

.....Post Code.....

TelephoneMobile.....

Place of worship one of parents/guardians regularly attends:

Name of place of worship.....

Address.....

Name of vicar/priest/minister/faith leader.....

Address.....

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Post Code..... Telephone.....

Worship attendance:

How frequently do you attend worship?

At least fortnightly ☐ Less ☐

For how long has this been your practice?

For 1 year or more ☐ Less ☐

Please obtain your faith leader's signature below in order to confirm this information before submitting this form to school. *In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship".*

Signed..... Vicar/minister.....

Date.....

Huyton- with- Roby School
Supplementary Form

Appendix 2.

This form should be completed in addition to the Local Authority preference form by any applicants who wish to be considered for a nursery place under criterion 1.2 or 1.3 of the school policy and returned directly to the school by the closing date of 15th January of the year in which September admission is sought.

Name of child:

Surname.....Christian names.....Date of Birth.....

Name of parent/guardian.....

Address.....

.....Post Code.....

TelephoneMobile.....

Place of worship one of parents/guardians regularly attends:

Name of place of worship.....

Address.....

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Name of vicar/priest/minister/faith leader.....

Address.....

Post Code..... Telephone.....

Worship attendance:

How frequently do you attend worship?

At least fortnightly ☐ Less ☐

For how long has this been your practice?

For 1 year or more ☐ Less ☐

Please obtain your faith leader's signature below in order to confirm this information before submitting this form to school. *In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship".*

Signed..... Vicar/minister.....Date.....