



## The Federation of Holy Trinity Church of England Schools

### Admissions Policy 2024-2025

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## Rationale

The Federation of Holy Trinity Church of England Schools is committed to creating a welcoming community of faith, where pupils can learn and flourish together. Each day opens up new opportunities, a fresh start bringing horizons of hope, aspiration and joy! The Federation of Holy Trinity Church of England School is a totally inclusive school; there will be no discrimination on entry by gender, race, religion, disability or special educational needs. We ask all parents applying for a place here to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the right of parents who are not of the faith of this school to apply for and be considered for a place here.

## Admissions

The arrangements in this policy are for admission to the main school and do not apply to those being admitted for nursery provision. For nursery admissions please see the Nursery Admissions document.

## Further Information

If you require further information about applying for a place at our school please contact: School Office manager, The Federation of Holy Trinity schools, Church Lane, Ripon HG4 2DY Telephone: 01765 602858 Email: [admin@htceschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@htceschool.co.uk).

The Federation of Holy Trinity Church of England Schools is a two form entry school and North Yorkshire Council, are the admissions authority. The school admits 60 pupil places per year group. Children are taught in classes determined by dates of birth from September to July.

Children with an Educational Health Care Plan will be admitted to the school if it is named on their plan.

## Oversubscription Criteria

### 1. Looked After Children, Previously Looked After Children and Internationally Adopted Looked After Children (LAC, PLAC and IAPLAC)

- The first oversubscription criterion must always be Looked After, Previously Looked After and Internationally Adopted Previously Looked After Children. As this is a legal requirement, it automatically appears as the first of the school's oversubscription criteria.
- A "Looked After Child" (LAC) 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.
- A "Previously Looked After Child" (PLAC) is a child who was looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order immediately following having been looked after.
- An "Internationally Adopted Previously Looked After Child (IAPLAC) is a child who appears (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.

### 2. Social and Medical need

- Priority will be given in exceptional circumstances to a small number of children (or in some cases a close relative of the child) whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend this school over any other.
- Supporting evidence in the form of a letter from a doctor or social worker or other relevant qualified, independent professional, would be required. Medical, health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations and does not guarantee that a child will be given priority as each decision will be made on the merits of the individual case.

### **3. Siblings**

Siblings of pupils attending the school at the time of application. 'Sibling' means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a step brother or sister, or other child living in the same household who, in any of these cases, will be living with them at the same address at the date of their entry to the school.

### **4. Catchment**

Children living in the catchment area of the school.

### **5. Children of staff at the school**

#### **Tie break**

If there are not enough places for all the children in one of these priority groups, we will give priority first to those with a sibling at the school at the time of admission and then to those living nearest the school. In all cases sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step-brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

If within a priority group there are not enough places for all those with a sibling at the school at the time of admission, we will give priority to those children with a sibling living nearest the school.

All distance measurements are based on the nearest route recognised by our electronic mapping system from a child's home address to school. The measurement is made from a fixed point within the dwelling, as identified by Ordnance Survey, to the nearest school entrance using footpaths and roads. The routes measured to determine the allocation of school places will be those recognised by the electronic mapping system used by the admissions team, and no other mapping system.

If the distance tie-break is not sufficient to distinguish between applicants in a particular priority group, a random allocation will be used.

#### **Late applications**

Applications received on time will be considered before late applications.

The Local Authority will consider your application late unless you have provided an acceptable reason to them. If they agree your reason for a late application, your application will be considered along with applications received on time.

#### **Deferred application of Infants**

Parents/carers may request that the date their child is admitted to the school is deferred until later in the same school year or until the child reaches compulsory school age in that school year (deferring until the following school year is also possible for summer born children - see below). Children reach compulsory school age on the prescribed day following their fifth birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 August, 31 December and 31 March. Parents/carers may request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age. Requests for a child to start their schooling on a part-time basis or to defer the start until they reach compulsory school-age should be addressed to the Headteacher.

We will offer places to children in the following order of priority based on the criteria outlined by North Yorkshire Council's Admissions Policy.

North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) operates a timetabled coordinated admissions procedure for all schools in line with Government legislation. NYCC School Admissions will manage the process on behalf of the school according to the scheme for that year which they will publish online

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions>. Oversubscription criteria only apply where the number of applications exceeds 60. NYCC School Admissions will notify you whether a place has been allocated on the primary national offer date.

### **In-Year admissions**

From time to time a place becomes available further up the school. The allocation of places is in accordance with the admissions criteria. Preference will be given to children moving into the area from outside the Local Authority area who do not have a school place. Evidence will need to be provided that the child has recently moved in. In year applications are dealt with on our behalf by the local authority which operates an in-year coordinated admissions scheme.

Applications and details of this are available here: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/changing-schools-and-year-applications>.

### **Appeals**

By law, if your child is refused a place at your preferred school, you have the right to appeal against that decision to an independent panel. School admission appeal panels are independent of the school and the local authority. At the hearing, you can present your reasons for preferring that particular school and the panel will decide whether your reasons are strong enough to overturn the admission authority's decision. For more information on the appeal process please visit the North Yorkshire admission appeal website page: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/appeal-school-place>.

### **School age**

A full-time school place in the Reception class is available for children from the September following their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Useful information**

For North Yorkshires full admission policy please [click here](#).

Please contact the school office if you have any enquiries about admissions here at The Federation of Holy Trinity Schools on 01765 602 858 or email [admin@htceschools.co.uk](mailto:admin@htceschools.co.uk).

### **Key dates**

Application opening: Applications for primary school places open on October 12, 2024

Application closing: The closing date for applications is January 15, 2025

National Offer Day: National Offer Day for primary and junior schools is April 16, 2025

Appeal deadline: The deadline to appeal a primary or junior school place is May 20, 2025

Other important dates include:

No changes after February 18: No changes can be made to applications after February 18, 2025

Late applications: Late applications and requests for changes are considered from May 1, 2025