

## Criteria for pupil entry

The school adheres to the admission policy as set-down by Rhondda Cynon Taf Education Authority:

*If the number of applications to a preferred school is fewer than or equal to the number of places available, **all** applicants will be admitted. **However** if the number of applications to the preferred school is greater than the number of places available, the information given on the form is used to rank a child's priority for a place in line with the oversubscription criteria which are:*

1. Looked After Children.
2. In catchment with sibling links already in the school.
3. In catchment without sibling links.
4. Out of catchment with sibling links already in the school.
5. Out of catchment.

*The full policy on RCT School Admissions can be viewed in the LA Starting School Book, available at the school.*

## Admission limit

All maintained schools must admit pupils up to at least their published admission level. Aberdare Park Primary School capacity figure is 358; the admission figure for our nursery class is 60 and the admission figure for the Reception class is 50.

The admission level reflects fully the capacity of the school and your child will be offered admission to the school unless it is full in terms of the recognised Standard Number/Admission Limit.

Details of the number of successful applications made, together with details of over-subscription, can be obtained from the school.

The usual ages for admission to Aberdare Park Primary School is 3/4 years where children enter our NurseryClass.

## Organisation

By virtue of section 8 of the Education Act 1996, a child begins to be of compulsory school age when he or she attains the age of five years. A child becomes of compulsory school age on one of three dates in the year following their fifth birthday. These dates (1st September, 1st January and 1st April) are prescribed by the Education (Start of Compulsory School Age) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998 No. 1607).

Thus, a child whose fifth birthday falls between 1st April and 31st August will become of compulsory school age on 1st September, between 1st September and 31st December on 1st January, and between 1st January and 31st March on 1st April. It should be noted that the birthday must fall **before** one of these dates prescribed, therefore a child born on 1st January will not become of compulsory school age until 1st April.

Children between the ages of 3-11 are recognised as pupils receiving primary education.

### **Procedure for Application for entry to the Nursery Class**

1. Parents Contact their first choice of school.
2. An application form **must** be completed for every child wishing to attend the school and identifying the parents' first and second choice.
3. On receiving the application form, the school will check/verify pupils address and forward to the LA who will accept or reject the application following the admission criteria identified above.
4. The LA advise the respective school and parents of the decision
5. The school then inform parents of the proposed start date for their child.
6. The school will arrange a parents' meeting in the term prior to the start date for the child.
7. A list of names and date of birth to be given to the Early Years co-ordinator at the beginning of the term preceding the start date.

### **Procedure for Application for entry to the Reception Class**

In line with LA policy all children must apply to transfer from a nursery class into a reception class [irrespective of which nursery they are/have attended]

1. An application form **must** be completed for every child wishing to attend the school and identifying the parents' first and second choice.
2. On receiving the application form, the school will check/verify pupils address and forward to the LA who will accept or reject the application following the admission criteria identified above.
3. The LA advise the respective school and parents of the decision
4. The school then inform parents of the proposed start date for their child.

*Aberdare Park Primary School will adhere to the application dates as set by the LA.*