



Neatishead and Salhouse Federation

Admissions Policy

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Our schools aim to be happy and safe places where everyone shares a love of learning. Our Christian core values of respect, responsibility, courage, trust, perseverance and compassion underpin all we do.

‘Soar on Wings’

Statement of Intent

At Neatishead & Salhouse Federation Primary Schools we welcome all pupils, irrespective of faiths, cultures, races, disabilities or family backgrounds.

We admit our pupils' in-line with the Equality Act (2010), School Admissions Code (2014), the School Admission Appeals Code (2012), Human Rights Act (1998) and the School Standards and Framework Act (1998).

The number of places available is determined by the capacity of the school, and is called the Agreed Admissions Number.

Admission Policy

If you live in the village of Neatishead, Barton Turf or Irstead, Neatishead is your local school.

If you live in the village of Salhouse, Salhouse is your local school.

The Admission to reception classes round for **September 2020** is for places in Reception classes and is for children born between **1 September 2015** and **31 August 2016 (aged 4+ on 1 September 2020)**.

This information has been taken from the Norfolk County Council website, please check at the [2019-20 Admissions](#) page for up to date details.

Pupil Admission Number

As both schools are small our classes may consist of children from two or more school years. The maximum class size for reception is 30 and for other classes, the maximum class size will normally be 30 unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Our Admission Policy

The school governors have decided to adopt the Norfolk County Council Policy on first admission to school, which is as follows:

By law children must start statutory education full time at the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday. From September 2011 all children have been offered a full time place in our reception class regardless of which month they were born. Parents who do choose the full time option must commit to this attendance pattern for all of the Autumn Term.

Parents with children born between March and August can opt for their child to attend part time for the Autumn Term, however we feel that children benefit more from full time attendance from September and settle into the school routine more quickly.

From the Spring Term, all reception children start full time under local admissions arrangements.

If you inform us that you wish to delay your child's entry the place will be held and will not be offered to another child. However, the child must take their place in the Summer Term

If there are more applications for places than there are places available, the Governors will give preference to children living nearest the school (using "crow fly" distance measurement) according to the following criteria in this order of priority:

- Children with an Education Health Care Plan or a Statement of Special Educational Needs and naming either Neatishead School or Salhouse school respectively.
- Children who are in public care, have been adopted from public care or from abroad, who are due to start school.
- Children who live within the designated catchment area for the school to which they are applying and will have a brother or sister attending the respective school at the time of their admission:
 - For Neatishead School, the designated area comprises the ecclesiastical parishes of Neatishead, Barton Turf and Irstead.
 - For Salhouse School, the designated area comprises the ecclesiastical parish of Salhouse
- Children who have a disability and live within the designated catchment area for the school to which they are applying. (Appropriate professional evidence will be required to confirm the disability).
- Children who live within the designated catchment area for the school to which they are applying
- Children who live outside the respective designated catchment area and have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of their admission
- Children who live outside the designated catchment area but whose parents wish their child to receive an education at a school with a Church of England Foundation. A reference from a minister of religion will be required to confirm at least monthly attendance of child and/or parents at Church activities. Activities being defined as events, meetings, gatherings or services organised by Church representatives.
- Children living outside the designated area and having no brother or sister attending the school at the time of their admission.

A child must be offered a place at the school unless the Governors are satisfied that:

- (a) Admission of the child would "prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources", which normally means it would increase numbers above an agreed limit for the school.
- (b) Admission of the child would be incompatible with any agreement made with

the Local Authority to protect the school's denominational nature or other distinctive ethos.

Out of normal age range admissions

We will consider requests to place children outside of their normal age group, including Summer born and premature children, in line with the requirements of paragraph 2.17 to 2.17b of the School Admissions Code.

The Reception teacher will link closely with the children from Nursery in a comprehensive transition programme.

All children joining us in September will have the opportunity to visit the Reception class in the Summer Term. Parents or guardians have the opportunity to attend an introductory meeting once a formal offer of a place has been made. This will take place in the Summer Term prior to the child starting school in September.