



*The*  
**Hawthorns**  
Primary School

## **Admissions Arrangements**

Agreed and Adopted by the Governing Body on: 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Signed: J Shepherd

The policy will be formally reviewed on: February 2025

# The Hawthorns Primary School

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### 1. Introduction

The Hawthorns Primary School caters for children from 4 – 11 years old, and primarily serves a designated area between the Woosehill Spine Road, Bearwood Road, Simon's Lane and south of the Reading Road.

Every address in the borough has at least 1 designated area school. This school is given the highest priority for admissions.

We are able to admit 60 children in each year group in EYFS and Key Stage 1. We are able to admit 64 children in each year group in Key Stage 2. If there are insufficient places to meet demand the Local Authority allocates places according to agreed criteria. (Admission Arrangements Appendix 1).

As a maintained school The Hawthorns Primary School admissions arrangements are undertaken through Wokingham Borough Council and the Governing Body have adopted the criteria laid down by them.

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions>

### 2. The Role of the Local Authority-Admission Arrangements

The Hawthorns is a Local Authority Primary School. As a maintained school, The Hawthorns Primary School admissions arrangements are undertaken through Wokingham Borough Council and the Governing Body have adopted the criteria laid down by them.

Admission Arrangements for 2025-2026. Appendix 1

### 3. Compulsory School Age

The law determines compulsory school age depending on whether the child's fifth birthday falls before 1st September, 1st January or 1st April.

This means:

- If a child's birthday falls between 1st April and 31st August, he or she will become of compulsory school age on 1st September.
- If a child's birthday falls between 1st September and 31st December, he or she will become of compulsory school age on 1st January.

- If a child's birthday falls between 1st January and 31st March, he or she will become of compulsory school age on 1st April.

All Wokingham Borough schools will offer F2 Rising 5 full-time places to children from the start of the academic year (September) in line with Government legislation.

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-infant-or-primary-school-ages-4-5>

#### **4. Admission Deferral**

Parents can choose when their child starts school:

- Full time at the earliest available start date
- Part time, for example mornings only. Parents will need to talk to the school's Headteacher. If the child keeps going to their pre-school or nursery while they're at school part time, they'll no longer be eligible for 15 hours of free childcare per week
- The term after their child turns 5. This is known as compulsory school age. Up until compulsory school age the child can continue to go to their nursery or pre-school and will still be eligible for 15 hours of free childcare per week. Waiting until compulsory school age before the child starts school is known as deferred entry.

In such instances the school place will be held for that child and not offered to another child. However, the school place will not be held beyond the academic year for which the original application was accepted.

#### **5. In Year Admission**

The Hawthorns is a Local Authority Primary School, as a maintained school The Hawthorns Primary School in year admissions arrangements are undertaken through Wokingham Borough Council and the Governing Body have adopted the criteria laid down by them. Officers of the LA are available to answer questions or help with difficulties.

Parents can make an application to move from one school to another at any time of year.

The Local Authority will only accept applications half a term before a parent wants their child to start at the school.

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/year-admissions-moving-different-school>

See Appendix 2. In Year Admission Arrangements

#### **6. Prospective Parents**

The Hawthorns Primary School will welcome all prospective parents to visit the school. The school will provide a prospective parent morning and afternoon to allow parents to make an informed decision in their admission application with the Local Authority.

## References

- Sections 84 and 85 of the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998 and the School Admissions Code.
- <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions>

## **Appendix 1.**

### **Admission Arrangements 2025 - 2026**

Every school has a set of rules known as admission arrangements to help the allocation of places at the school.

Admissions authorities (the council and Voluntary Aided, Academies and Free Schools) use these rules to allocate places if they receive more applications than places available.

Adopted admissions arrangements, can be found below. These are unchanged from 2024 / 2025 arrangements.

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/admissions-arrangements-2024-and-2025>

## **Appendix 2**

### **In Year Admission Arrangements**

Adopted in year admissions arrangements, can be found below. These are unchanged from 2024/2025 arrangements.

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/admissions-arrangements-2024-and-2025>

The Local Authority will only accept applications half a term before a parent wants their child to start at the school. Forms and further information can be found:

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/year-admissions-moving-different-school>