

# School Admissions Arrangements September 2023



## Holland Junior School

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## ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Holland Junior School is Junior School, part of The Pioneer Academy, admitting children between the ages of 7 – 11 years. We do not manage our own pupil admissions; therefore, prospective parents will need to contact Surrey Admissions Team to process an application. <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant>

In all instances, we welcome tours of the school and discussion around how we can successfully welcome your child into our school. Please contact the school for more information.

### **1. First Priority: Looked after and previously looked after children**

Within the admissions arrangements, looked after and previously looked after children will receive the top priority for a place. Looked after children and previously looked after children will be considered to be –

- Children who are registered as being in the care of the Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 e.g. fostered or living in a children's home, at the time an application for a school is made.

and

- Children who have left care through adoption, a residence order or special guardianship order.

### **2. Second Priority: Exceptional social/medical need**

Occasionally there will be a very small number of children for whom exceptional social or medical circumstances will apply which will warrant a placement at a particular school. Supporting evidence from a professional is required such as a doctor and/or consultant for medical cases or a social worker, health visitor, housing officer, the police or probation officer for other social circumstances. This evidence must confirm the circumstances of the case and must set out why the child should attend a particular school and why no other school could meet the child's needs.

Providing evidence does not guarantee that a child will be given priority at a particular school and in each case, a decision will be made on the merits of the case and whether the evidence demonstrates that a placement should be made at one particular school above any other. Places may be allocated under this criterion when places are first offered at a school and we may also be asked to admit over the Published Admission Number at other times under this criterion.

### **3. Third Priority: Siblings for Holland Junior School**

A sibling will be considered to be a brother or sister (that is, another child of the same parents, whether living at the same address or not), a half-brother or half-sister or stepbrother or stepsister or an adoptive or foster sibling, living at the same address.

A child will be given sibling priority if they have a sibling at the school concerned at the time of the child's admission. For the initial intake at the school, a child will be given priority for admission only if their sibling will still be at the school in September 2023. This will apply both at the initial allocation of places and when prioritising the waiting list. Giving sibling priority has the effect of maximising the opportunity for children in the same family to be educated at the same school.

### **4. Children for whom the school is the nearest to their home address**

The nearest school within the admission arrangements, is defined as the school closest to the home address with a published admission number for pupils of the appropriate age range, as measured by a straight line and which admits local children. The nearest school may be inside or outside the county boundary. Under this criterion, we are considered to admit local children. A list of the Academies and Foundations Trust and Voluntary Aided schools that are considered to admit local children and the out of county schools that will not be considered to admit children can be seen on the Surrey County Council website.

### **5. Any other applicant**

Remaining places will be offered on the basis of the nearness to the school measured in a straight line from the address point of the child's house, as set by the Ordnance Survey to the nearest school gate for pupils to use. This is calculated using the Admission and Transport Team's Geographical Information System. If there are two applicants from the same block of flats the applicant with the lowest door number or letter will be given priority.

Where two or more children share a priority for a place when using distance as a tie breaker e.g where two children live equidistant from the school and only one place remains, Surrey County Council will draw lots to determine which child should be given priority.

Within the admissions arrangements for schools the child's home address excludes any business, relative's or childminder's address and must be the child's normal place of residence. In the case of shared custody it is the address where the child spends most of the time. All distances will be measured by the computerised Geographical Information System maintained by Surrey's Admissions and Transport Team. Any offer of a place on the basis of address is conditional on the child being resident at the address provided.

The address to be used for the initial allocation of places to Year 3 will be the child's address at the closing date for application. Changes of address may be considered in accordance with the Surrey's Coordinated Schemes if there are exceptional reasons behind the change, such as if a family has moved to the area. The address to be used for the waiting lists, after the initial

allocation, will be the child's current address. Any offer is conditional upon the child living at the appropriate address on the relevant date. Parents have a responsibility to notify Surrey County Council of any change of address.

If within this category there are more applicants than places available, any remaining places will be offered to applicants who meet the criterion on the basis of proximity of the child's home address to the school (see paragraph 4).

In the case of multiple births, where children are ranked consecutively in their order of priority for a place and there are not sufficient vacancies remaining for each of them, wherever it is logistically possible, each child will be offered a place. Where it is not logistically possible to offer each child a place the child (ren) to be offered the last remaining place (s) will be determined by the drawing of lots.

## **6. Waiting lists**

Where there are more applicants than places available, waiting lists will operate for each year group according to the oversubscription criteria for each school without regard to the date the application was received or when the child's name was added to the waiting list.

Waiting list for the initial intake to each school will be maintained until the last day of the Autumn term when they will be cancelled. Parents wishing to remain on the list after this date must write to Surrey County Council by 31 December, stating their wish and providing their child's name, date of birth and name of the child's current school. After 31 December, parents whose children are not already on the waiting list but who wish them to be so must apply for in-year admission through Surrey County Council. Waiting lists for all year groups will be cancelled at the end of each academic year.