GLEBE PRIMARY SCHOOL

UNITED LEARNING ACADEMY

Admissions Policy

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Glebe Primary School Admission Arrangements for 2027/2028

Introductory statement

Glebe Primary School is 4-11 two-form entry primary school in West Sussex Local Authority.

Glebe Primary School is part of United Learning. United Learning is the admission authority for the school and is responsible for determining the school's admissions arrangements

Glebe Primary School seeks to bring out 'The best in everyone'. The school serves all children in the local community. All children will be admitted without reference to ability or aptitude. There are no faith criteria as part of the admissions policy. Children from families of all faiths, or none, are very welcome.

Admission number

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for admission to Reception in September 2027 is 60 pupils.

The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applications are received than the Published Admission Number, all applicants will be offered a place.

Application process

Glebe Primary School participates in the West Sussex Local Authority's process for co-ordinating school offers. This means you will need to complete your local authority common application form which can be found here:

West Sussex County Council School Admissions: https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place

Admission of Summer Born Children

Parents of children born between 1 April and 31 August may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group and starts Reception one year later than would normally be expected.

Requests will be considered individually in accordance with the School Admissions Code. The admission authority will consider the child's circumstances, including their academic, social and emotional development, the views of the parents and any relevant professional evidence before reaching a decision.

Parents will be informed of the decision in writing before they are required to make a formal application.

Oversubscription criteria

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order[1]:

[1] Please also refer to the Notes section

1. 1. Looked After and Previously Looked After Children
2. 2. Children Subject to a Special Guardianship Order
3. 3. Exceptional Medical, Social or Psychological Need
4. 4. Children Living Within the Catchment Area with a Sibling Connection
5. 5. Other Children Living Within the Catchment Area
6. 6. Children Living Outside the Catchment Area with a Sibling Connection
7. 7. Children of Staff
8. 8. Other Children

Tie-break

If in categories 2-5 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the school will be given priority for admission. We use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school, measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point data[2].

If there are insufficient places to accommodate all applicants and after using all oversubscription criteria, applicants for the final place(s) cannot be split, the remaining place(s), will be allocated using a random allocation process (carried out by the West Sussex Local Authority on the Trust's behalf) if the distance between a child's home and the academy is equidistant in any two or more cases.

Random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place. When considering twins, triplets or other multiple births places, where the final place available was offered to a twin, triplet or multiple birth, a place will be offered above the published admission number to the other twin, triplet or multiple birth children whose twin, triplet or multiple birth was offered a place within the admission number.

Multiple Births

Where one child of a multiple birth is allocated the final available place, the remaining child or children of the same multiple birth will also be admitted, even if this results in the Published Admission Number being exceeded.

Late applications

Applications received after the closing date may be treated as late unless there are exceptional reasons for the application not being submitted on time.

Applications received after the published closing date will be considered in accordance with the West Sussex County Council coordinated admissions scheme.

[2] Please also refer to the Notes section

Late applications will be considered after those received on time. If, following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

Admission of children outside of their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested.

When such a request is made, the academy trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

Waiting lists

The school will operate a waiting list. Where the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the school year. This will be maintained by Glebe Primary School and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant, they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

In Year Admissions:

Arrangements for Admitting Pupils outside of the normal admissions round

Applications outside of the normal admissions round are known as in-year admissions.
Parents are encouraged to apply for a place in-year via the West Sussex Local Authority by completing this form here https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/changing-schools/

Parents will be notified by the West Sussex Local Authority of the outcome of their in-year application within 10 school days of the receipt of the application.

If the year group applied for has a place available, the child will be admitted unless there are reasonable reason(s) not to admit in accordance with Schools Admissions Code. If more applications are received than there are places available, the oversubscription criteria outlined above shall apply. Parents/carers whose application is turned down are entitled to appeal (see below).

Parental Disputes

The admission authority will not become involved in disputes between parents regarding school applications.

Where necessary, documentary evidence may be requested to confirm that an application has been made with appropriate parental consent.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code. The appeal panel will be independent of the Academy. The arrangements for appeals will be in line with the School Admissions Appeals Code published by the Department for Education. The determination of the appeal panel will be made in accordance with the Code and will be binding on all parties.

Further information can be found at:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/school-appeals/

If appellants decide to appeal, they will receive an advance notice of the hearing date. They will be invited to attend the appeal. The hearing will be conducted as informally as possible, and there will be an opportunity for parents/carers to put forward their case and ask questions. If the appeal is refused, the Local Governing Body will not consider a further appeal for admission in the same academic year, unless there is a significant material change in circumstances of the parent or child.

Fair Access Protocol

Glebe Primary School participates in the In-Year Fair Access Protocol managed by West Sussex Local Authority in order to minimize the number of students who are at risk of underachievement by being out of school. This is reviewed by the local Admissions Forum on a regular basis.

Notes:

Looked After Child:

"Looked After Child" means any child who is in the care of a Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989. A child who was "previously a Looked After Child" means a child who after being Looked After became subject to an Adoption Order under the Adoption Act 1976 or under Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, a Residence Order or Child Arrangement Order under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 or Special Guardianship Order under Section 14A of the Children Act 1989. Applicants can be asked to provide additional evidence in order to verify the previously looked after status of a child. It is at the discretion of the Academy Trust what evidence is required. The final decision will be made by the Academy Trust. If any information supplied by an applicant is judged by the Academy Trust to be fraudulent or intentionally misleading, the Academy Trust may refuse to offer a place, or if already offered, may withdraw the offer.

A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. Applicants can be asked to provide additional evidence in order to verify the previously looked after status of a child. It is at the discretion of the Academy Trust what evidence is required. The final decision will be made by the Academy Trust. If any information supplied by an applicant is judged by the Academy Trust to be fraudulent or intentionally misleading, the Academy Trust may refuse to offer a place, or if already offered, may withdraw the offer.

Special Guardianship Order
An order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian under Section 14A of the Children Act 1989.

Home address:

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with the doctor. If the residence is not split equally between both parents then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

Where a child lives at more than one address, the home address will normally be considered to be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

Where residency is shared equally, the admission authority will determine which address will be used for admissions purposes.

Sibling:

'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 as part of

the same family who, in any of these cases, will be living at the same address at the date of their application for a place.

Medical and Social Need:

'Social need' does not include a parent's wish that a child attends the school because of a child's aptitude or ability or because their friends attend the school. 'Medical need' does not include mild medical conditions.

Distance:

To determine distance from the school we will measure the distance between a child's permanent home address and the school. This will be done in conjunction with the LA, we will use their system to measure distance to ensure alignment with the LA's wider role in admissions.

The distance between the child's permanent home address and the school will be measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point data. A point within the child's home and the point defined as within the school will be specified by NLPG. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. Distances will be measured in accordance with the practices set out by West Sussex Local Authority.

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/find-my-nearest-school/

Service Families and Crown Servants

Applications from UK service personnel and Crown Servants returning from overseas will be processed in accordance with the School Admissions Code.

An official letter confirming a relocation date and intended address may be accepted before the family moves into the area.