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ADMISSION POLICY - ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

The South Downs Learning Trust (SDLT) is a Multi Academy Trust and is the Admission Authority for Ocklynge School. It was formed by the merger of Ocklynge School and the Ratton School Academy Trust on 1st December 2017. Ocklynge School adopted the Local Authority's admission policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools for the academic year 2024-25.

Details of this policy are outlined below.

This year Ocklynge School has decided to consult regarding a change to its Admission Policy. This change is detailed below:

The children of South Downs Learning Trust staff are to be given a higher priority.

ADMISSION NUMBER

There is no change to the admission number. Ocklynge Governors intend to admit a maximum of 210 pupils to Year 3 in September 2024

The closing date for Year 3 applications is 15th January 2024

PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR PLACE AT OCKLYNGE SCHOOL

Parents apply online at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/admissions. The Local authority is responsible for informing parents of any decision by email or letter.

The Admissions Criteria Ocklynge Junior School uses (set by East Sussex County Council) is listed below and is also available on the following link: https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/admissions_rules/decisions/

Oversubscription criteria – 2024-25

If a school is over-subscribed these priorities will be used to decide who gets a place at Ocklynge School.

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children

These are children in the care of a local authority and those who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or subject to Child Arrangements Order, Residence Orders or Special Guardianship Orders) immediately following being looked after.





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2. Children who will have a brother or sister at the school (or a linked infant school) at the time of admission

Children who have 'siblings' at the school at the time of admission or a linked Infant school (Motcombe Community School or Pashley Down Infant School) living in the same household.

3. Children of staff working for the South Downs Learning Trust

Priority will be given to the children of contracted, paid staff working for the South Downs Learning Trust where the member of staff has been employed at the school for at least 2 years prior to the application for admission being made or, where a member of staff has been recruited to fill a vacant post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

4. Children of Linked Schools. Children wishing to transfer between Motcombe Community School and Pashley Down Infant School which are linked Infant schools.

5. Children living within a pre-defined community area

Each home address in the county falls within a community area although living in a community area does not guarantee a place.

See the maps of the various community areas in the admissions booklet or on the Local Authority Website www.eastsussex.gov.uk/admissions/ and type in 'Admissions booklet 2023-24' in the search box.

6. Children living outside the pre-defined community area

This covers children who do not fit into any other criteria.

Tiebreaker

In the event of oversubscription within any priority, place allocation will be decided by prioritising applications on the basis of home to school distance measured in a straight line. This will be measured from the address point in the school (supplied by Ordnance survey) to the address point in the family home. In the event that applicants cannot be prioritised using the tiebreaker above because the distance measurements are the same, the Authority will use random allocation to decide which children will be offered the remaining places. This will be done electronically using the authority's admissions software.

