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As a Community School we follow the Norfolk County Council policy for 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. Where admission is offered prior to compulsory school age, parents may defer their child's entry into school until later in that academic year.

Children born between 1st September and the end of February may start school full time at the beginning of the autumn term before their fifth birthday.

The school allows children to start school earlier than the law requires. However, the law also allows parents to ask for their child to be admitted but lets them delay the start date until later in the school year. Children must start school by the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday and the place must be taken up by the start of the summer term.

If there are more applications for places than there are places available, the Local Education Authority will give preference to children living nearest the school according to the following criteria in this order of priority:

1. Children with a Statement of Special Education Needs naming our school
2. Children in public care who are due to start school and live in the area served by the school
3. Children who live within the designated area and have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of their admission
4. Children who live outside the designated area and have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of their admission

The Admissions Policy was approved by Governors in 2006 and is reviewed every three years.

Colby School continues to follow the Norfolk County Council Admissions Policy and all requests for places are made through the Norfolk County Council Admissions department.

Norfolk County Council Admissions department organises the timetable for admission appeals

Prospective parents are invited to contact the Headteacher, Mrs Christine Mead, by telephone on 01263 733381 or by email at head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk if they would like to discuss any aspect of Admissions.

Date of last review: March 2021.

