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Hunningley Primary School Admissions Policy

School Admission Arrangements

Hunningley Primary Academy for the 2026/2027 Academic Year

1. Admission Arrangements

1.1.1 Hunningley Primary Academy operates within the statutory School Admissions Code. The Academy's admission arrangements include oversubscription criteria and other detailed information that explains how the Academy manages this function.

1.1.2 Although Hunningley Primary Academy has a Christian foundation, it is not designated as a 'faith school'.

1.1.3 The Published Admissions Number for entry into Reception for 2026-27 is 60.

2. Special Educational Needs

2.1 Pupils whose Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan names the school will be admitted. The number of available places will be reduced accordingly.

3. Entry into Reception: Hunningley Primary Academy subscribes to and follows the Barnsley Council Oversubscription Criteria. A useful guide for parents on the admissions process can be found at www.barnsley.gov.uk/schools-and-education

3.1 In the event of oversubscription the following categories will be prioritised for places at Hunningley Primary Academy:

1 Where the number of applications for a primary school received during the normal admissions round exceeds the admission number, then admission will be determined in accordance with the following priority of admission criteria:

- Children who have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) which names the school are required to be admitted.
- First, to Looked After Children (LAC), Previously Looked After Children (PLAC), and children who have been in state care outside of England (IPLAC).
- Second, to children with brothers and/or sisters attending the school* on the proposed date of admission.
- Third, to children living nearest the school; the distance to be measured by a straight line between the centre point of the child's ordinary place of residence and the main entrance to the school building.



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Where the offer of the remaining place in the relevant year group could be made to the parent of eligible multiple siblings, resident at the same address, it will be for the parent to determine for which sibling the single offer of the school place will be made.

a) Where the offer of the remaining place in the relevant year group could be made for a number of eligible children resident equidistant from the school the determination of the single offer will be by Random Allocation.

b) The Random Allocation will be completed by the Local Authority's admission system

4. Equal Preference

4.1 The School Admissions Code made the practice of offering places on a "First Preference First" basis unlawful. Hunningley Primary Academy operates an Equal Preference system when determining the final school offer.

This means that each of the three preferences will be considered as equal preferences and oversubscription criteria applied to each preference irrespective of ranking. The ranking of the preferences is relevant only where the applicant is eligible for more than one school. In this case a place will be offered at the highest ranked school for which the child is eligible.

5. How to Apply for a place

To apply for a place in Reception, please complete the Common Application Form of your home local authority, which for most of our pupils will be Barnsley Council. This can be found www.barnsley.gov.uk/schools-and-education

Please do not apply direct to the Academy.

6. In Year Applications

Parents of students wishing to transfer to Hunningley Primary Academy in year (outside of the normal admission rounds) should contact Barnsley Local Authority for an application pack. Further information can be found [here](#).

7. Taking a student on roll

7.1 Places at the Academy are allocated on behalf of the Academy by Barnsley Council as part of a joined up and coordinated approach across the town. Allocations for places as part of the normal admissions round for Reception are made in April 2026.

7.2 The Academy operates strict entry criteria for all successful applicants. A successful applicant must provide valid identification in the form of a passport or birth certificate.



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7.3 A successful applicant will be designated a start date and admitted on their first day of attendance at the Academy.

8. Statutory Right of Appeal

8.1 Where unsuccessful in their application for a place at the Academy, parents have a statutory right of appeal against that decision. The appeal takes place before an independent admissions appeal panel and that panel's decision is binding on the parties.

8.2 The Academy follows the Local Authority's appeals procedures for Hunningley Primary Academy (link in appendix A).

9. Withdrawal of a Place Offered

The Academy may withdraw an offer of a place in the following circumstances where:

9.1 the offer of a place is made in error,

9.2 the parent has not responded, and after being given a further opportunity to respond (such further opportunity including reference to the fact that a lack of response may result in the place being withdrawn), has not responded to the offer within 14 working days.

9.3 the offer was made based on fraudulent or misleading information.

10. Waiting Lists

The Academy operates a formal waiting list for children in reception until 31st December. The waiting list for Hunningley Primary Academy is managed by Barnsley Local Authority. Please contact Barnsley Admissions on 01226 773677 for waiting list information.

Appendix A:

Information regarding appeals can be found on the link below

[Click here to view – Appeals Information for Primary School](#)

[Click here to view – Appeals Information for Secondary School](#)



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