



Stanton Bridge Primary School

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Admissions Policy 2026

Arrangements for applications for places at Stanton Bridge Primary School will be made in accordance with the LA's co-ordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the Common Application Form provided and administered by the local authority.

Visit the Council website to view all [Coventry Primary Admissions policies](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/directory/10/schools-and-their-contact-details/category/179)
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Published Admission Number

Stanton Bridge Primary School will have an agreed admission number (Published Admission Number or PAN) of 60 pupils, to be admitted into Reception each year if enough applications are received. If 60 or fewer applications are received all applications will be admitted.

Infant classes will comprise of no more than 30 pupils with a single teacher.

Children with Education Health Care Plans

Stanton Bridge Primary will admit all pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school is named on the Plan.

Stanton Bridge Primary School Oversubscription criteria:

If there are more requests for a school place than there are places available within the school's admission number, after the admission of children with an Education Health and Care Plan which names the school, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria and in the order shown below.

1. Children who, at the time of admission, are in care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children). Also, children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or a special guardianship order. This also includes those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care because of being adopted.

2. Children who live in the catchment area served by the school, who have a brother or sister attending Stanton Bridge Primary School.

Stanton Bridge Primary sees the benefits of children from the same family attending the same school and gives priority to brother and/ or sister connections in its policy for allocating places. Brothers and sisters are those children who live at the same address and either have one or both natural parents in common; are related by a parent's marriage or whose parents are living as partners. We include children who are adopted within our definition of brothers and sisters.

3. Other children who live in the catchment area served by the school,

4. Children who live outside the catchment area served by the school, who have a brother or sister attending Stanton Bridge Primary School.

5. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application for the school place; or recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

- All full-time teaching staff
- All full-time support staff - defined as those on 37 week and above contract
- All part time teaching staff with a 45% and above timetable
- All part time support staff who work at least 15 hours per week for 37 weeks or more

The two-year qualification period may be waived if a post is hard to fill.

The definition does not include contract staff. If a service has been 'in house' and is subsequently 'contracted out' children of staff will no longer be eligible for priority admission under this criterion. The definition does not include peripatetic staff.

6. Children by reference to the distance to the school

A straight-line measurement will be made, using a computerised mapping system, from the centre of the child's residence - to the centre of the school site. The address used must be the child's permanent home address. The shortest measurement will have the highest priority.

Home address

A pupil's home address is a residential property that is the child's only or main residence. At the time places are allocated, proof of residence at the property concerned may be required. Where documentary evidence can substantiate that care is split equally between parents at two homes, parents must name the address to be used for allocating a school place.

If a school place is offered based on an address that is subsequently found to be different from a child's normal and permanent home address, then that place is liable to withdrawal.

Children of UK service personnel and crown servants.

For families of service personnel with a confirmed posting, or crown servants returning from overseas, admission authorities must: use the address at which the child will live when applying their oversubscription criteria, as long as the parents provide some

evidence of their intended address. Admission authorities must use a unit or quartering address as the child's home address when considering an application against their over subscription criteria, where a parent request this.

Tie Break

To decide between two or more applications which cannot be otherwise separated lots will be drawn. This will be supervised by someone independent of the school.

Catchment area

One of the aims of local schools is to serve their neighbourhood and develop links with the local community to strengthen the school and the community. The area served by Stanton Bridge Multi Academy Trust school is known as the catchment area and details of specific catchment areas are available.

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas>

Applications out of normal age group

Parents should use the standard application form and include information regarding the year group requested and the reasons for the request.

Deferred entry

Legally a child does not have to be educated until the term after their fifth birthday. Parents may feel their child is young for their age, or there may be other reasons for wanting to delay their entry to school. This is called deferred entry.

In this situation applications for a place should be made in the normal way. If parents decide to defer the entry, a place will be reserved until the child starts if they start within the academic year. Entry cannot be deferred beyond the academic year for which the place has been offered. Where a parent/carer of a summer born child wishes to defer entry until the following academic year and wishes their child to start in reception this will mean the child is taught out of their normal age group. They should still make an application at the usual time but must notify the City Council on the application that they will wish to request a place out of the normal age group. Parents/carers will then be contacted to discuss the matter further and should note there are no guarantees that such applications will be successful, but that each case will be considered individually.

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group. The application will be considered alongside all other applications in accordance with the Coventry co-ordinated admissions scheme. Where the application is refused the parent has a right to an appeal against the refusal of a place, unless the child has been offered a place in another year group in the school

[Summer-born children: advice for parents - GOV.UK](#)

Part time attendance

Where the parents wish, children may attend part-time until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age.

In-year admissions

We co-ordinate with the Local Authority the in-year admissions process and that further information can be found here: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/school-admissions/primary-school-admissions/5> You can apply for a place for your child at any time outside the normal admissions round. As is the case in the normal admissions round, all children whose Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) names the school will be admitted. Likewise, if there are spaces available in the year group you are applying for, your child will always be offered a place. If there are no spaces available at the time of your application, your child's name will be added to a waiting list for the relevant year group. When a space becomes available it will be filled by one of the pupils on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria listed in this policy. Priority will not be given to children on the basis that they have been on the waiting list the longest.

Waiting List

If a place is not available, the child's name will be automatically placed on the Waiting List. Up until 31 December 2026 this will be administered by the local authority and if places become available, the LA will allocate the places in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Applicants may therefore move both up and down the list depending on whether others joining the list meet a higher ranked oversubscription criterion. Waiting Lists will remain in operation until the end of the 2026 Autumn Term. Thereafter, parents will be required to register their interest with the local authority who will co-ordinate admission arrangements. Late applications All applications received by the school after the deadline will be late applications.

Late applications

Will be considered after those received on time. If, following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, all unsuccessful applicants will be placed on the waiting list.

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. Appellants should contact Coventry City Council on 024 7697 2647 or schoolappeals@coventry.gov.uk for information on how to appeal.