## NORTH DENES PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY



### **Admissions 2025-2026**

North Denes Primary School is a Community School for children from 2 – 11 years.

Community schools are owned by Norfolk County Council, but locally managed by the Governing Body and Head Teacher.

Norfolk County Council (NCC) manages admissions to all community schools in Norfolk.

### **School Admission**

If you would like to apply for a school place at North Denes Primary School please contact the Admissions department at NCC.

Admissions Room 7 County Hall

Martineau Lane Norwich NR1 2DH

Telephone: 0344 800 8020 Fax: 01603 223722 Email: admissions@norfolk.gov.uk

Applications can be made online here.

Please click here to visit the Admissions website.

#### Admissions dates 2025-26

	Reception	Secondary school
Round opens	23th September 2025	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
Round closes	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	31st October 2025
National Offer Day	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026
Notice of intention to appeal	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Appeals closing date	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2026
Appeals hearings	June/July 2026	May / June 2026
Waiting lists maintained until	31st December 2026	31st December 2026

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If you are moving into the area and are considering joining North Denes Primary School after the official school year has started, please contact Admissions to check on place availability. If there are spaces, school will contact you and arrange for a visit prior to starting.

If you are currently living locally and already have a school place, the admissions team only considers changes between schools at the start of each term.

Please read *A parents' guide to admissions to schools in Norfolk* click here before you make your application. This will ensure you follow the application process correctly, help to avoid delays and maximise your chances of getting your preferred school.

## **Admission to Reception**

Once the application round is complete NCC processes the applications. In April, NCC sends a school place offer letter / email to all applicant families. Schools receive notification of the school place offers made for their school.

When we know who will be joining us, we contact all families to welcome them to North Denes Primary School and explain more about our school and dates for all the transition activities.

To ensure a smooth positive transition into school, we hold a number of events for both children and parents.

#### **Visits**

If your child is new to the school, their teacher will visit the early years setting they currently attend. If your child does not attend a setting, the teacher will attempt to visit them at home, where possible. These visits allow your child to meet their teacher in a familiar setting and for the teacher to begin to get to know the child.

#### **New Parents' Evening Meeting**

We hold an evening meeting for parents in the summer term, where there is an opportunity to meet the teachers and support staff who will be working with your child and to answer any questions.

#### **Transition visits**

We will arrange transition visits in the summer term. These are in the format of a stay and play session, where you and your child will be invited in to meet staff and see our reception environment.

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If you have been successful in gaining a place at our school, we welcome you and look forward to meeting with you soon. If you are considering our school, please come and have a look around. We are happy to arrange times by appointment, just call the office.

### **Admission criteria for North Denes Primary School**

The criteria in order are:

Children who are due to start school and

- 1. have a Statement of Special Educational Need /Education and Health Care Plan naming the school
- 2. are in public care or have been adopted
- 3. live in the area served by the school and who have a sibling attending the school at the time of their admission
- 4. have a disability and live in the area served by the school (Appropriate professional evidence will be required to confirm the disability)
- 5. live in the area served by the school
- 6. live outside the area served by the school who have a brother or sister with a statement of special educational needs or EHCP attending the school at the time of their admission.
- 7. live outside the area served by the school who have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of their admission
- 8. have a disability and live outside the area served by the school (Appropriate professional evidence will be required to confirm the disability)
- 9. live outside the area served by the school

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