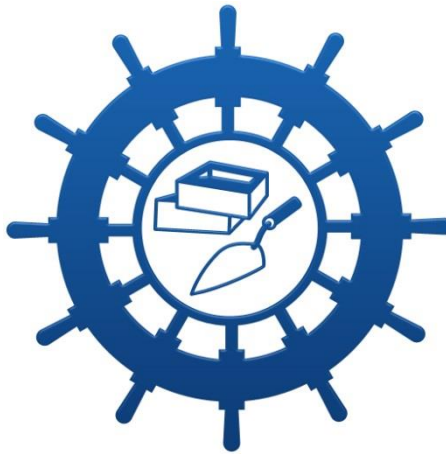


VICTORIA DOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY



Working together for your children

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SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS – 2021/22

1 Regulations

- 1.1 Regulations published under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 require admission arrangement for 2021/22 to be determined by April 2020 following a period of consultation between October 2019 and January 2020, if there are proposed changes.
- 1.2 The Secretary of State has issued guidance in the Code of Practice on School Admissions. The Local Authority and other admission authorities are required to act in accordance with the Code of Practice. Hull City Council is responsible for coordinating all admission in their area, and making offers of places. Further details are on the council's website at www.hull.gov.uk/admissions.
- 1.3 The allocation of school places is based on parental preference. Parents can apply for a place at any school irrespective of where they live. Only where there are more preferences submitted for a school than there are places available will the oversubscription criteria be used to determine which applicants will be offered a place.
- 1.4 Hull City Council is the admission authority for Victoria Dock Primary School.

2 Admissions Criteria

- 2.1 The Published Admission Number (PAN) for Victoria Dock Primary School for 2021/22 is 60.
- 2.2 Right of appeal
All parents have the right of appeal against their allocated school. Any parent refused a place will be offered their right to appeal against the decision to an independent appeals panel. This is likely to occur when the year group is full and will be managed by the Local Authority.
- 2.3 Waiting lists
If your child is refused admission to the school, your child's name will be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list is based on the published admission criteria and all children are kept on that list in order of the criteria until at least the end of the Autumn Term. This list is kept by the Local Authority Admissions Team.
- 2.4 Admission out of year group
The school does not normally accept applications outside of the normal age range group. However, applications supported with evidence will be reviewed on an individual basis by the school.

2.5 Fraudulent applications

The school reserves the right to withdraw a school place offered during the normal admission round if the application is proved fraudulent.

2.6 Admission of children below compulsory school age and deferred entry

Children are entitled to a full-time place in the September after their fourth birthday. Parents can defer entry to a later time in the year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which it was made. Parents wishing to defer entry must make these requests in writing at the time of application.

3 Admission Arrangements

3.1 These admission arrangements set out how many children the school will admit within each admission round and how they will decide which applicants will qualify for places if the number of applicants is more than the number of places available.

Applications for pupils with a statutory assessment of special educational needs will be dealt with in accordance with the Code of Practice on Special Educational Needs 2014. Where a school is named on a child's Educational and Health Care Plan (EHCP) following consultation with the Head and Governors, the governing body is required to admit the pupil. After allocation of children with EHCP, where the applications are greater than the remaining places the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below:

1. Looked after children and all previously looked after children. A previously looked after child means such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangement orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after. This includes children who were previously looked after out of England.
2. Being resident in the catchment area of the school (see note (ii) below).
3. Having a brother or sister who will be attending the school at the expected time of admission (see note (i) below).
4. Children of staff, if the member of staff has been employed by the school for a minimum of two years and/or has been recruited to fill a post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
5. Geographical, with priority given to those living nearest to the school (see notes (ii) and (iii) below).

Notes

- (i) Brothers and sisters include:
- Children with the same natural parents living at the same address
 - Children with the same natural parents living at different addresses
 - Half-brothers/sisters living at the same address
 - Step-brothers/sisters living at the same address
 - Children living as part of the same family unit with their parents/guardians at the same address.
- (ii) Residence is defined as the normal family address where the child resides. Where parents live at separate addresses and have joint custody, the address used will be the one where the child spends the main part of the school week (i.e. Sunday night to Thursday night inclusive). Childcare arrangements involving relatives' addresses do not qualify as normal family addresses for this purpose unless there is a court Residence Order in place.
- (iii) The measurement of distance is the shortest available safe route for pedestrians along footpaths alongside roads marked on the current street map of the city. Hull City Council uses Route Finder, a computer mapping system to make measurements.

Criteria 3, 4 and 5 will be used as a tie-breaker for other criteria. If the school is over-subscribed from within its catchment area after the allocation children with EHCP and children under criteria 1, then the brothers/sisters, children of staff and geographical criteria will be used in that order as tie-breakers.

4. In Year Applications for Places

Parents/carers wishing to apply during the academic year should contact Hull City Council Admissions Department and complete a transfer form. Primary schools will then be consulted regarding any possible allocations.

Hull City Council must have a Fair Access Protocol, which gives details of how vulnerable pupils are allocated to schools.