

Admission Arrangements

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL GENERAL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

For up-to-date information about School Admissions, please use the following link to the Oxfordshire County Council Website

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/list/3257> (School page) or [Oxfordshire County Council Apply for a School Place](#) (OCC Page).

STARTING SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME

Starting school is a very important time for you, your child and the school. We all need to work together to make the transition smooth and rewarding. In the term prior to their entry, pupils are invited into school for visits. This will help your child become familiar with the surroundings and routines of school. During this period, there will be meetings for parents, to discuss our partnership with you and talk about any concerns you might have. Pupils will be admitted to Wychwood CE Primary School in the September of the academic year in which they are five. The Early Years Curriculum is grounded in active learning. Through practical activities, purposeful play and talk, pupils develop an understanding of the world and the basic concepts they will need for their later learning.

Parents can play a major role in fostering good attitudes to learning, developing language skills and promoting good behaviour. The Foundation Stage develops children's personal, social and emotional well-being, promotes positive attitudes and dispositions towards their learning; provides opportunities to develop social skills as well as developing language and communication, reading and writing, maths, knowledge and understanding of the world; and physical and creative development. At the start of each new school year, class teachers run workshops about the curriculum and how you can help your child at home. We do hope that you will be able to attend these.

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

Administration of admission arrangements to County Primary Schools is dealt with centrally by Oxfordshire County Council. A booklet 'Starting School', setting out the F1 admissions procedures and criteria for each school, together with an application (Common Admission Preference Form) is available from the County Council Admissions Team. Completed forms, or online admissions must be returned to the School Admission Team or first preference school by the submission date in the Autumn Term prior to starting. For parents and carers of

children seeking to join the school in other years, please contact the In-year admissions are also handled by the County Council Admissions Team on 0345 2412487. Wychwood CE Primary School welcomes all children regardless of special needs or disability. Pupils with additional needs may have extra visits before starting school and there will be close liaison with parents to ensure that the correct arrangements are in place.

ADMISSION NUMBERS & APPEALS

Every effort is made to make a place available for your child in our school. However, schools have a limit on the number of children they can take. In the case of Wychwood CE Primary School this is 45 in each year group. This figure is set by the Local Authority (LA) and agreed with Governors and Headteacher. If the number of children wanting a place is below the set figure, your child will be offered a place. There may, however, come a point when there are too many children of that year group for them all to be given a place. If a place is not available on application you have the right to appeal to Oxfordshire County Council Education Authority. Appeals are heard by an independent panel. A Guide to Admission Appeals can be obtained from the Admissions Team via the County Council website (above).

JOINING THE SCHOOL LATER ON

Sometimes children join the school later on in their school life. We make every effort to ensure they are welcomed, looked after, and monitored so that they quickly make friends and can find their way around the school. Teachers give children time to settle in before making an assessment of their academic abilities. This assessment, together with records from the previous school, will enable your child to have the best start in our school. Parents and carers are asked to contact the school if their child has difficulty settling.

MOVING ON - TRANSFERRING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

At the end of primary school, children transfer to a local secondary school. The majority of children go on to Burford Secondary School. We have strong links with Burford through the curriculum and community events. Year 6 pupils make several visits to Burford during their final year as part of an induction programme. This is seen as a very positive process ensuring a smooth transfer.