



Harting CofE Primary School

Admissions Policy

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Applying for a Place at the School

If your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 they can start school after September 2016.

From Monday, 2nd October 2017 to Monday, 15th January 2018 you can apply online on the Pupil Admissions Applications website which is part of the West Sussex County Council website: www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions
A parent booklet will be available on the website from 2nd October, 2017. Further information is available by calling 03330 142903

If you do not have access to the internet, either at home or at work, free internet access to make school applications is available at all West Sussex libraries. Library staff will be on hand to guide you through the process. You do **not** need a paper application form to apply online.

West Sussex residents must use their form or the West Sussex online system to apply for schools in another county.

Parents living outside West Sussex can apply for Harting C of E Primary School by completing their own council's form, or via their website. This will be copied to West Sussex but you may wish to contact the school directly to discuss your application. We are always happy to answer any queries from parents.

If you have any queries please contact the Pupil Admissions team:

Pupil Admissions Office
Centenary House
Durrington Lane
Worthing
West Sussex
BN13 2QB
Phone: 0845 075 1007
Email: admissions.south@westsussex.gov.uk
Fax: 01903 839214



The closing date for applications is Monday, 15th January 2018.

If you do not apply by the closing date this will affect the priority given to your application and may mean we are not able to offer your child a place at your preferred school, even if it is the catchment school.

Being situated close to the Hampshire border, we currently take pupils both from West Sussex and from Hampshire. Please contact the school to discuss your own particular situation. Visits from prospective pupils' families are welcomed. Parents may express their preference for any school. If you live outside the catchment area and you wish to choose Harting C of E Primary School, it would be helpful if you contact the school to ensure that we are aware of your application. Admission to year groups further up the school is often possible depending on pupil numbers. Please contact the school for an informal discussion.

The admissions code, supported by the County, continues to place an emphasis on pupils starting in the September following their fourth birthday. It also gives parents the right to choose, whether they wish their child to start full-time or part-time, subject to the caveat that children are receiving full-time education in the term following their fifth birthday. Parents still have the right to defer entry to later in the academic year and, in such cases, a place offered in Reception must be held open for the child for that intake year. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/primary-infant-and-junior-school-places/#apply-for-a-place>

As a school, we are keen to offer full-time places to **all** children. We are happy to discuss individual arrangements for younger children, should there be particular needs, but aim for children to be given similar learning opportunities.

Our arrangements, at present, are that during the first few weeks of the autumn term, our Reception children attend initially for mornings and build up to full-time. In the afternoons, our Reception teachers will initially pay home visits to each family before teaching pupils. By half-term, we anticipate that all Reception children will be ready for full days so that they all have an equal chance of enjoying and participating in the Early Years curriculum.

As a school, we advise against parents deferring their children's start to school except in exceptional circumstances; all pupils are entitled to 38 weeks education and we consider that staggered starts are not therefore appropriate other than in exceptional circumstances, when requested by the parents to meet the specific needs of their child.

