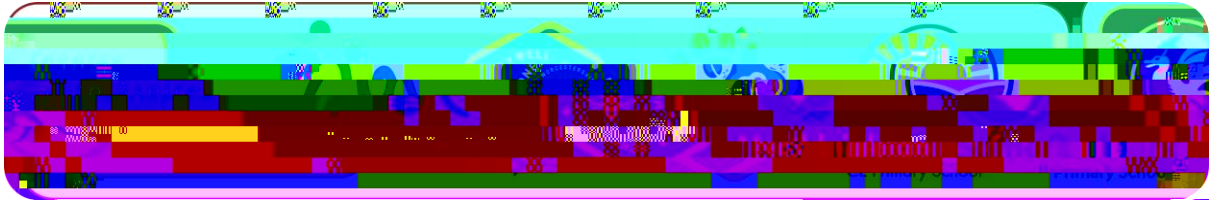


# Admissions Policy 2026-2027

**Great Malvern Primary School Admissions Policy 2026**



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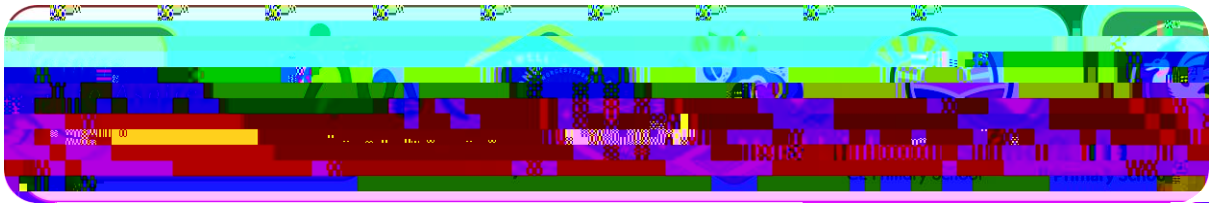
Current Parents  
Prospective Parents  
MET Employees  
MET Governance  
Members,  
Trustees  
Local Governing Boards  
Local Schools  
Local Authority

Any feedback / queries should be directed to:

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2.1 The purpose of this policy is to make the admissions process to schools within Mercian Educational Trust (the Trust) clear and open.

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families. MET is the admission authority. Schools are responsible for allocation of places using the criteria set out in this policy

### 2.5 Planned Admission Numbers (PANs):

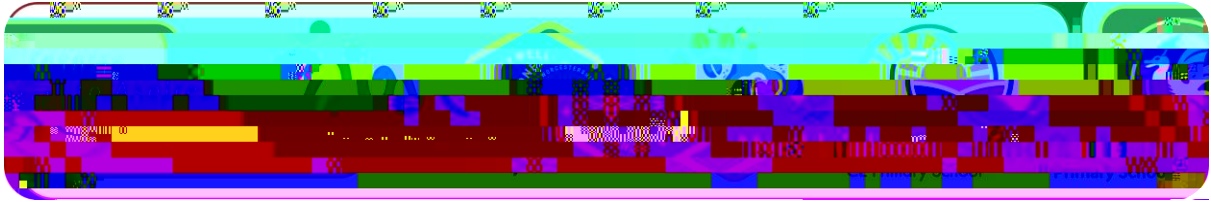
School	PAN	Notes
Honeywell Primary School	30	
Great Malvern Primary School	48	
Leigh and Bransford	30	
Northleigh CE Primary School	30	PAN adjusted 2022
Somers Park Primary School	88	Consisting of 58 Somers Park Site 30 Malvern Vale Site

2.6 Infant Class Sizes: Infant classes (those where the majority of children will reach the age of 5, 6, or 7 during the school year) must not contain more than 30 pupils.

2.7 Additional children may only be admitted under the limited exceptional circumstances listed in the Admissions Code 2014.

2.8 The Trust commissions independent appeals panel which hears appeals from unsuccessful applicants for a place in any year group.





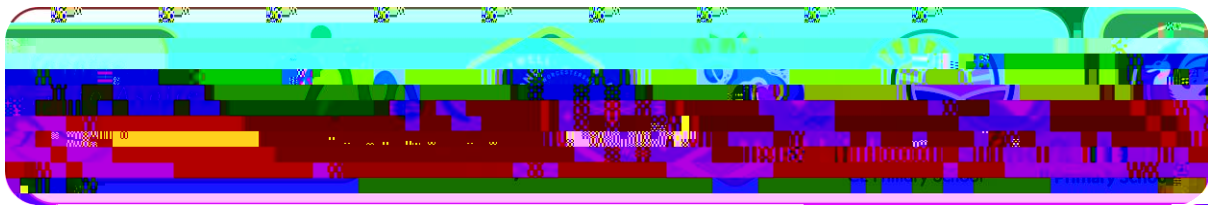
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Mercian Educational Trust recognises the particular needs of children of UK service personnel (UK Armed Forces) & Crown Servants.

Paragraph 2.21 of the School Admissions Code requires that:

For families of service personnel with a confirmed posting, or crown servants returning from overseas, admission authorities must:

- a) allocate a place in advance of the family arriving in the area (as long as one is available), provided the application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date. Admission authorities must not refuse to process an application and must not refuse a place solely because the family do not yet have an intended address, or do not yet live in the area.
- b) 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



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All evidence provided by parents/carers will also be considered in reaching a decision on the home address for admissions purposes.

If an application or the evidence is later proved to be fraudulent or misleading, the Trust reserves the right to withdraw the place up to the end of October.

Legally, children do not have to be in full time education until the term following their fifth birthday: this is the compulsory school age.

#	Can defer until	If I defer which class will my child join
1 September 31 December	January	Reception class
1 January 31 March	April	Reception class
1 April 31 August	Please see section 2.9 below.	

However, children are normally admitted to school in the September following their fourth birthday.

Where an applicant to Reception is below compulsory school age the parent(s) can request:

- a. that the date their child is admitted is deferred until later in the academic year or until the term in which the child reaches compulsory school age (see section 2.7 above), or
- b. that their child takes up the place part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

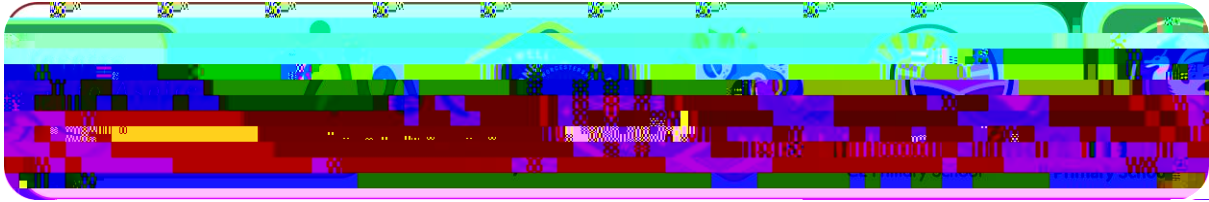
Summer born children (children born from the beginning of April to the end of August) reach compulsory school age in the September following their fifth birthday. If a parent/carer wishes for their summer born child(ren) to start school in the reception year group in the September following their fifth birthday, the Trust will make a decision based on the circumstances of the individual case. Factors considered may include:

- in the case of children born prematurely, the fact that they may have naturally fallen into the lower age group if they had been born on their expected date of birth;
- whether delayed social, emotional, cognitive or physical development is adversely affecting their readiness for school;









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### Appendix 1. Admission Criteria Notes:

- a. *looked after child*
- i.
- ii.
- b. *h*

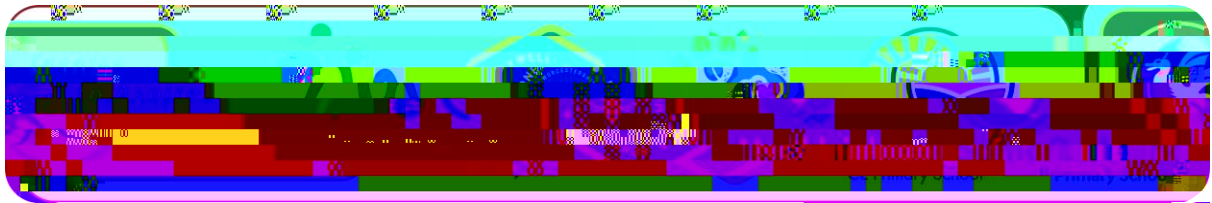
Children are defined as siblings if:

- a. the sibling is already in attendance at the preferred school and will be in attendance (statutory school age only) on the date at which the applicant transfers to that school
- b. they are full or half brother or sister or
- c. they are adoptive brother or sister or
- d. they are children of the same household;
- e. The sibling rule does not apply across the Trust, but is specific to each school.

Pupils attract SPP if they meet one of the following criteria:

- a. one of their parents is serving





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