



## **ASKAM VILLAGE SCHOOL**

### **SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY 2021/2022**

The Governors of Askam Village School are the Admissions Authority for the school. Governors have set the published admission number as 30.

An application for entry in September 2021 must be made by the closing date, which is the 15th January 2021.

Places at this school will be allocated according to this Admissions Policy and the Local Authority's Coordinated Admissions Scheme. A letter informing parents of the success or otherwise of their application will be sent out by the Local Authority. Parents of those children not offered a place will be informed of the reason and offered an alternative school by the Local Authority.

Where there are more applications than places available at Askam Village School applications will be prioritised using the criteria below. They will be applied in conjunction with explanatory notes 1 – 7 which form part of the policy.

1. Children looked after and who were previously looked after, i.e. in public care, giving priority, if necessary, to the youngest child(ren) - see note 1.
2. Children who were previously looked after outside of England – see note 1.
3. Children of staff Askam Village School – see note 2.
4. Children living in the catchment area who have brothers or sisters in the school at the time of admission – see notes 3 and 4.
5. Children living outside the catchment area who, at the time of their admission, have brothers or sisters in the school who were allocated a place at that school by the Local Authority either (a) in the absence of a place being available in the catchment area school due to oversubscription and the school was identified by the Local Authority as the next nearest with a place available or (b) the school is named in the sibling's Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) - see notes 3, 4 and 5.
6. Other children living in the catchment area giving priority to those living closest to the school, measured by a straight line between centre point of the pupil's home address and the school's front door. Measurements will be made using Digimap for Schools (<http://digimapforschools.edina.ac.uk>) - see notes 6 and 7.
7. Children living outside the catchment area who have brothers or sisters in the school at the time of their admission, measured by a straight line between centre point of the pupil's home address and the school's front door. Measurements will be made using Digimap for Schools (<http://digimapforschools.edina.ac.uk>) - see notes 3 and 4.
8. Children living outside the catchment area, giving priority to those who live closest to the school, - see notes 6 and 7.

Applications will be prioritised on the above basis. An exception will be made under the Local Authority's policy for the education of children with special educational needs where a child holds an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), that names the school.

## **Explanatory Notes**

### **[These notes are part of the policy]**

**Note 1** A child looked after is a child in public care, who is looked after by a local authority within the meaning of Section 22 of the Children Act 1989. Children previously looked after are children who were looked after, but have ceased to be so because they were adopted (under the terms of the Adoption and Children Act 2002) or became subject to a Child Arrangements Order or Special Guardianship Order (Children Act 1989). The provision to give the highest priority to looked after and previously looked after children applies to all children who have been adopted from local authority care. Advice issued by the Department for Education (DfE) in August 2018 states that a child previously looked after outside of England is one that was looked after, outside England, by a public authority, a religious organisation or another provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. For a previously looked after child to be considered under criteria 1 or 2, the parent or carer must provide appropriate written evidence to support the application.

**Note 2** staff to have been employed by Askam Village School for 18 months or longer.

**Note 3** In criteria 4, 5 and 7, priority will be given to those children with the youngest siblings. Brothers and sisters are those living at the same address and includes step and foster children. Priority will only be given where it is known at the time of allocating places that a sibling will be attending the school (excluding a nursery class – see note 4) at the time of admission.

**Note 4** Brothers and sisters in the school at the time of admission does not include a brother or sister who will be attending a nursery class that is attached to the school.

**Note 5** If a parent or carer believes that they qualify for consideration under criterion 5, they should indicate this on their preference form in the place provided for this purpose.

**Note 6** Distance measurements will be undertaken using measured by a straight line between centre point of the pupil's home address and the school's front door. Measurements will be made using Digimap for Schools (<http://digimapforschools.edina.ac.uk>)

**Note 7** Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in categories 5 and 7 to decide who has the highest priority for admission if the distance between the children's home address and the school is the same. This process will be independently