

RICHARD TAYLOR CE PRIMARY SCHOOL- ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023–2024

The admission authority is Yorkshire Causeway Schools Trust.

Arrangements for applications for places at Richard Taylor Church of England Primary School will be made in accordance with North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) co-ordinated admission arrangements, this is including in-year applications.

Richard Taylor Church of England Primary School follows NYCC's published timetable for applications, and NYCC will make offers of places as required by the School Admissions Code. Full detailed information, including how to apply can be found at;

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions>

Published Admission Number (PAN)

The PAN for reception is 39. If there are fewer applicants than places available all applicants will be admitted.

Oversubscription Criteria

All governing bodies are required by section 324 of the Education Act 1996 to admit to the school a child with an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that names the school. This is not an oversubscription criterion. This relates only to children who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final Educational Health and Care Plan has been issued.

If the number of applications exceeds the PAN after the admission of children where the school is named in the Education Health and Care Plan the following oversubscription criteria will apply:

ORDER OF PRIORITY	Notes:
<p>Priority Group 1: Looked after children, all previously looked after children and children who appear to the Admissions Authority to have been in state care outside of England and cease to be in state care as a result of being adopted. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order.</p>	<p><i>This applies to all looked-after children, including those who are in the care of another local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services function at the time of making an application.</i></p> <p><i>In the case of previously looked after children, a copy of the relevant documentation will be required in support of the application.</i></p> <p><i>A child is regarded as being in state care outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any another provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.</i></p> <p><i>This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 and Children who were adopted under the Adopted & Childrens Act 2002.</i></p>

	<i>Child Arrangement Orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a Child Arrangement Order.</i>
Priority Group 2	<i>Siblings of children attending the school.</i>
Priority Group 3: Children the school considers have special social or medical reasons for admission.	<i>We will only consider applications on social or medical grounds if they are supported by a professional recommendation from a doctor, social worker, or other appropriate professional. The supporting evidence should set out the particular social or medical reason(s) why the school in question is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school. Panels of professionally qualified people will consider all applications made under priority group 2.</i>
Priority Group 4: Foundation Places for children who attend a Christian Church living within the Deaneries of Harrogate and Ripon. Governors will allocate Foundation Stage places in accordance with the priorities as set out. The ecclesiastical parishes of the Deaneries of Harrogate & Ripon can be found by entering your postcode at www.achurchnearyou.com you can find your parish church and clarify which Deanery your residence is in.	<i>Church attendance is measured by the average number of weeks in which the family has attended a church service in the three-year period immediately before the date of application. Priority will be given based upon church attendance of the family (defined as one parent /legal guardian who attends with the child) in the following order: Church attendance is measured by the approximate number of weeks in which the person has attended a Place of Worship in the three year period immediately before the date of application. Church attendance Weekly* 2-3 times/month Monthly If your pattern of attendance has changed significantly during the last three years, then an average over the three years should be used. e.g. Year 1 Monthly 12 weeks Year 2 Fortnightly 24 weeks Year 3 Weekly 48 weeks Total = 84 weeks averaged over 3 years = 28 i.e. 2-3 times per month Application forms for Foundation places (Priority 4 must be endorsed by a leader of the specified place of worship community before submission. Where parents have relocated in either residence or church in the last 3 years the Governors will take into account confirmation from previous places of worship. The impact of irregular shift patterns will be taken into consideration if supporting evidence is provided. Your declaration on the SIF must be verified by the incumbent of your parish or</i>

	<p><i>previous parish. Should there be an interregnum the SIF may be verified by a churchwarden or other suitably qualified official on behalf of the parish.</i></p> <p><i>If you have recently moved you may ask the priest, or authorised church official, from your previous church to verify your church attendance.</i></p> <p><i>Please Note:- In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship or alternative premises have been available for public worship</i></p>
<p>Priority Group 5: Children of staff at the school.</p>	<p><i>Priority in this oversubscription criteria is given in either or both of the following circumstances:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) Where a member of staff has been employed at the school for more than two years at the time when the admission to the school is made, and/or</i> <i>b) the member of staff has been recruited to fill a post at the school for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.</i>
<p>Priority Group 6: Community Places: The remaining places after Priorities 1 to 5 have been ranked will be allocated to those applicants living within the Anglican Deaneries of Harrogate and Ripon closest to the school (determined by geographic proximity to the school, by the nearest route, according to the NYCC electronic measuring system) regardless of their eligibility under any other priorities. Applicants not successful will be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list will be kept until the end of the academic year for which application was made.</p>	<p><i>Refer to tie break</i></p>

Children in higher priority groups will be offered places ahead of those in lower priority groups (priority group 1 being the highest and priority group 5 being the lowest). All applications within each priority group will be considered equally (i.e. all applications, regardless of order of preference).

Tie break:

If there are not enough places for all the children in one of these priority groups, we will give priority first to those with a sibling at the school in September 2023, who live the nearest to the school (in all cases sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step

brother or sister, or the child of the parent / carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling) and then to those living nearest the school.

All distance measurements are based on the nearest route which is recognised by the County Councils electronic mapping system from a child's home address to school. The measurement is made from a fixed point within the dwelling, as identified by Ordnance Survey, to the nearest school entrance using footpaths and roads. The routes measured to determine the allocation of school places will be those recognised by the electronic mapping system used by the school admissions team.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Families may seek a place for their child outside of his/her normal age group under various circumstances such as:

- ill health,
- if the child is gifted and talented or
- when the child has experienced problems
- delayed entry for summer born children

Late applications and waiting lists:

Late applications and waiting lists will be managed in accordance with the NYCC co-ordinated admissions arrangements. You are encouraged to ensure that your application is received on time.

Appeals:

If your child's application for a place at the school is unsuccessful, you will be informed why admission was refused and given information about the process for hearing appeals. If you wish to appeal, you must set out the grounds for your appeal in writing. You are required to fill out an appeals form, details of which can be found on the North Yorkshire County Council website.

You can find details of the form and the appeals timetable on the following webpage:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/appeal-school-place>

In-year admissions:

Applications should be made via NYCC - <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/changing-schools-and-year-applications>

Fair Access Protocol:

Local Authorities are required to have Fair Access Protocols in order to make sure that unplaced children who live in the home local authority, especially the most vulnerable, are offered a place at a

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suitable school as quickly as possible. This includes admitting children above the published admissions number to schools that are already full. Students allocated under fair access protocols will take precedence over those on a waiting list. Richard Taylor Church of England Primary School will participate in NYCC's fair access protocol.