

Lower Halstow School Admissions Information

DFE No: 886 2231

School Name: Lower Halstow Primary School

School Type: Community

PAN: 30

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Age Range: 4 – 11yrs

Admission Criteria

Lower Halstow School now serves the village of Lower Halstow, the surrounding area and some children from further afield.

If our school is oversubscribed, all pupils will be considered against Kent's Admissions criteria:

1. Children in Local Authority Care - a child under the age of 18 years for whom the local authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or who ceased to be so because they were adopted or who is the subject of a care order under Part IV of the Act.
2. Current Family Association - a brother or sister in the same school at the time of entry where the family continue to live at the same address as when the sibling was admitted - or - if they have moved - live within 2 miles of the school, or have moved to a property that is nearer to the school than the previous property as defined by the 'Nearness' criterion' (below). Linked infant and junior schools are considered to be the same school for this criterion. In this context brother or sister means children who live as brother and sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or

sisters, foster brothers or sisters. If siblings from multiple births (twins, triplets, etc) apply for a school and the school would reach its Published Admission Number (PAN) after admitting one or more, but before admitting all of those siblings, the LA will offer a place to each of the siblings, even if doing so takes the school above its PAN. If the admissions are to Year R, and so result in a breach of class size legislation, the additional 3pupil(s) will be treated as "excepted" for a period of one year, as with excepted pupils as defined in the School Admissions Code.

3. Health and Special Access Reasons - Medical, health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians' physical or mental health or social needs mean that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the particular school.
4. Nearness of children's homes to school - we use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school, measured in a straight line using Ordnance Survey address point data. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by Ordnance Survey. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for an oversubscribed Community or Voluntary Controlled school, these straight line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school.
5. Where new build housing development requires a new school or the significant enlargement of an existing school the 'Nearness' criterion will allow for a catchment area (defined by a map) to be created for the relevant school. This will be included in the Statutory Public Notice and admissions determination and will be valid for a period not exceeding three rounds of admissions.

Our admission number is 30 pupils per academic year.

From September 2010 all In Year Casual Admissions will be administered through KCC Admissions.

Admission Procedure

Kent County Council Primary Admissions Team co-ordinates the admission process for all schools.

Applications for admission must be made on a Common Application Form, for those children starting mainstream school in the Reception Year, or an In Year Casual Admission Form, for all those children wishing to join the school in other year groups. Both forms must be sent to KCC Primary Admissions Team.

In the case of In Year Casual Admissions from outside Kent, the application must first be made to the Local Authority (LA) the applicant resides in. The school welcomes visits from prospective applicants.

Application for children entrants to Year R in September must be made on a Common Application Form. All applications are considered by the deadline dates set by the LA for entry in the following academic year. All Parent/Carers will be notified by letter sent by the KCC Primary Admissions Team at the end of March/April of the year of application. Parent/Carers should be aware that Key Dates/Deadlines change each year.

Further information is available on the Kent County Council website:

www.kent.gov.uk

Appeals

Parent/Carers have the right to appeal if they have not been successful in gaining admission to the school of their choice.

Appeals should be directed to KCC Primary Admissions Team.

primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk