Ysgol Aberconwy

Admissions Policy & Preferences

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ADMISSIONS POLICY AND PREFERENCES

The school admits pupils in accordance with the admission policy of Conwy County Borough Council. This school policy should be read in conjunction with the local authority policy.

Copies of the policy may be inspected at the school or can be found at :
http://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Education-and-Families/School-Admissions/School-Admissions.aspx

The school also publishes a copy of the policy on its own website :
http://www.aberconwy.conwy.sch.uk/school/admissions

The policy states the following in respect of admissions criteria :

The Authority's criteria for admission to schools are subject to:

- the duty to comply with parental preference when the admission number has not been reached.
- the duty to ensure that the interests of Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children are protected and given priority in the over-subscription criteria for all schools;
- the duty to ensure that a pupil with a statement of Special Educational Need / Individual Development Plan (IDP) is admitted to the school named in the statement;
- an obligation to ensure that pupils with exceptional medical or educational needs are admitted to a particular school;
- the obligation to ensure the provision of efficient education and the efficient use of resources; and any limitation which may arise in relation to a particular school resulting from the application of the admission number, which is the number of children that can be admitted to each year group during the school year. In our case, the school admission number is **204**.
- any limitation which may arise in relation to over subscription. Priority within each category will be determined by safe walking distance from the school. Distance will be measured by means of Conwy County Borough Council's nationally recognised GIS (Graphical Information Systems) software using the shortest walking route from the front door of the applicant's home address to the recognised main entrance of the school.

  For Primary schools, there is no duty for Admissions Authorities to admit a child to a school for education in an infant class in compliance with the preference expressed by the parent, where the child's admission would prejudice efficient education or the efficient use of resources by reason of 'qualifying measures'. Qualifying measures are measures that would be required to ensure that the limit on class sizes is met (that is, no class should be greater than 30 pupils).

In circumstances where the number of applications exceed the standard number, the Authority will consider the following criteria in the order listed :

Category A
'Children' Looked After and 'Previously Children Looked After'.

Category B
Children who have exceptional medical or educational needs which in the opinion of the Admissions Authority justifies admission to a particular school.

Category C
Pupils who live in the 'catchment' area of the school

Category D
Pupils who have siblings who attend the school or who attend the partner infant/junior/primary schools but do not live in the 'catchment' area.

Category E
Pupils who attend the partner infant/junior/primary schools but do not live in the 'catchment' area.

Category F
Those who live outside the 'catchment' area and who are not eligible for any of the categories above.