



## **Tudor Grange Primary Academy Haselor**

### **Policy for Reception Admissions 2024 - 2025**

Applications for children who are already 4 years old and will reach compulsory school age during 2023-24 are invited. Places will be offered as full-time places, but parents may request a part-time place or deferred entry until the child reaches compulsory age. The admission arrangements are for pupil's entry into Reception year only.

Tudor Grange Primary Academy Haselor wishes to retain the character and traditional strengths of a village school, with an optimum number of 105. We fulfil the Government's requirement to restrict Infant class sizes to 30 or fewer, and even when two year-groups are taught together within a mixed-age class, we prefer to limit numbers to 30 or below. If Tudor Grange Primary Academy Haselor is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with special needs where the academy is named in the education health and care plan, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

#### **Oversubscription criteria**

**Priority 1:** All looked after children in the care of a local authority (e.g. foster care) or previously looked after children adopted immediately after being in care, or subject to a residence order or subject to a special guardianship order, or children whose exceptional social or medical reasons (see note 2) can only be met by Tudor Grange Primary Academy Haselor. This includes children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and have ceased to be in care as a result of being adopted, as well as children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangement orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after in England.

**Priority 2:** Children who have an older brother or sister at the Tudor Grange Primary Academy Haselor at the same time.

**Priority 3:** Children who live closest to Tudor Grange Primary Academy Haselor measured in a straight-line from the child's home to the Academy.

#### **Notes:**

1. Children with an education health and care plan that names Tudor Grange Primary Academy Haselor will be offered a place first. This will reduce the number of places available.
2. Applications with exceptional social or medical grounds must be supported by independent professional evidence.



3. **Under Priority 2.** A brother or sister must live at the same address and could be:
  - A brother or sister sharing the same parents;
  - A half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one parent;
  - A stepbrother or stepsister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage or civil partnership (a formal arrangement that gives same-sex couples the same legal status as married couples);
  - The separate children of a couple who live together; or
  - An adopted or fostered brother or sister.
4. **Under Priority 3.** Applications will be prioritised in distance. Distances are measured by the Local Authority's computerised admissions system. The admissions system uses six-figure grid references provided by the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG). The grid references provide a unique point on each property.
5. Waiting lists are produced in strict order of priority, against the oversubscription criteria and are managed by Warwickshire County Council. A child can remain on the waiting list until December after the year of entry. After this, parents can make a new application.
6. Applications received after the closing date are late. They will be processed after the offer date.
7. If possible, places will be offered at the Academy to twins, triplets and children from other multiple births. If a twin, triplet or multiple births is admitted at the 30<sup>th</sup> place then the siblings of the twin, triplet or multiple births will be admitted as excepted pupils.
8. The home address is the place where the child is permanently resident with his or her parents. If care is shared between two parents, you will need to provide a copy of the court order defining the arrangement to the council. In the absence of a court order, the council will use the address of the parent who is in receipt of the child benefit. You will need to send a copy of your child benefit award for the last two years.
9. Applications for a place at the Academy at any time other than the normal time for admission (in-year admission) should be made to Warwickshire Council. Parents/carers should fill in the Warwickshire Council form and return it to them. If there is a vacancy in the relevant year group a place will be offered. If the year group is full the governing body will apply the admission criteria to the application so that it can be placed on the waiting list.



10. The Governing Body recognises its duty to comply with the Local Authority Fair Access Protocol to provide fair access to school for pupils who need a school place because they have missed, or are at risk of missing, education.
11. Parents who wish to appeal against the decision of the Governors to refuse their child a place in the academy may phone Warwickshire Council for a form. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.