Gomeldon Primary School

Policy for Admissions 2026/2027

Gomeldon Primary School is a part of Pickwick Academy Trust.

The Governors have set a limit of 150 pupils on roll at Gomeldon Primary School.

This number is based on a Pupil Admission Number (PAN) of 21 pupils per year group. If the number of applications exceed the number of places applicants may be refused a place. Although pupils living within the school's designated area will be given a higher priority than those living outside it, the majority of our pupils live outside the catchment area.

Applications for places at Gomeldon Primary School are made using a Wiltshire Council paper or on-line application form. On-line applications are encouraged but paper forms can be obtained directly from the school, pre-schools, County Hall or the School Admission Team. The deadline date for the normal round of applications for Reception places is 15th January annually.

Where the number of applications for the school exceeds the number of places available places are allocated in order of the following ranked criteria

1. Children in Care as defined in Section22 of the Children's Act 1989
2. Vulnerable children (children from families registered with the National Asylum Service or children with a severe medical condition)
3. Designated/shared area siblings (older siblings including step, half and foster, on roll,)
4. Other designated area children
5. Out of area siblings (older sibling on roll not in their final year)
6. Children of staff at the school
7. Other children to whom none of the above criteria apply.

Distance (the straight line distance between the home address and the school) will be used as the determining factor in the event of oversubscription.

Compulsory education begins in the term following a child's fifth birthday. Gomeldon Primary School recognises the right of parents to decide, within the law, when their child/ren start school.
A school place will be available to all children from the September following their 4th birthday and all parents have the right to request full time education from the outset.

Deferred Admission
Parents can defer their child's admission to Reception to a later term. The place must be taken up within the same academic year as was originally offered and admission cannot be delayed beyond the statutory start date ie, places can be held open until January or April as long as the child joins the school no later than the start of the term following their 5th birthday.

The table below summarises the school intake during the year.

Date of Birth	**September**	**January**	**April**	**September**
1st September-31st December	Staggered entry becoming full time	Statutory school age		
1st January-31st March	Full or part-time *	Full time	Statutory school age	
1st April-August	Full, part-time or deferred entry*	Full time or Part- time becoming full time*	Full time	Statutory school age

* At the request of the parents in consultation with the Headteacher and teacher.

Early Admission
Admission earlier than the Autumn Term following the child's 4th birthday may be agreed in exceptional circumstances, such as medical or social factors. The request must have the approval of the LA's professional adviser and there must be no suitable alternative pre-school provision available.

Applications for the normal year of entry
- Completed application forms for a reception year place should be returned directly to the School Admissions Team at County Hall, or submitted on-line.
- Completed application forms for a Year 7 place at a secondary school should be returned directly to the Schools Admissions Team at County Hall, or submitted on-line.

Applications to any year group other than the normal year of entry or in-year entry
Completed application forms should be submitted on-line or sent to the School Admissions Team, naming the order of preference. The school will be consulted on whether they can support the application on the basis of current pupil numbers, class organisation, etc before the final decision is made.

Designated Area (Catchment)
The designated area of Gomeldon Primary School extends in an easterly direction from the school to the end of East Gomeldon Road and in a Westerly direction crosses the A338 to West Gomeldon Farm. Gomeldon Primary School is situated within two miles of St Nicholas' Primary School Porton and Winterbourne Earls Primary School.

Appeals Procedure
Parents have the right of appeal to an independent panel against any decision made by or on behalf the LA. Information about the appeal procedure will be provided where a place at one or more of the preferred schools has been refused.

Review: This policy is reviewed annually**.**