

WEST SUSSEX ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR THE BROOK

Applications to The Brook School are prioritised according to the following criteria:

Any child with an Education, Health Care Plan naming the school will automatically be admitted to a school, under Section 324 of the Education Act 1996.

1. Looked after children (children in public care);
2. Children who need a place at a school on exceptional and compelling social, psychological or medical grounds; (parents/carers must provide written supporting evidence from an appropriately qualified person (usually a doctor or social worker). The evidence should state clearly why the school asked for is the only one that can meet the child's needs. (Letters from parents are not normally considered sufficient evidence);
3. Children who live in the catchment area of The Brook Infant School with brothers and sisters already at the school and who will still be there when the child starts (brothers or sisters may be half or step-siblings but must be living permanently at the same address);
4. Other children who live in the catchment area of The Brook Infant School;
5. Children who live within the catchment area for Maidenbower Infant School with brothers or sisters already at The Brook Infant School and who will still be there when the child starts;
6. Other children who live within the catchment area for Maidenbower Infant School;
7. Children who live outside the catchment area for The Brook Infant School and Maidenbower Infant School with brothers or sisters already at the school and who will still be there when the child starts;
8. Other children who live outside the catchment area for The Brook Infant School and Maidenbower Infant School.

In the case of over-subscriptions in any of the above categories, priority is given to applicants who live nearest the school, (measured by a straight line from school to home, using Ordnance Survey address point data from a central point in each building).

All admissions are dealt with by the Admissions office and The Brook has no impact on this.

Most of our children live in Maidenbower but we also welcome children from other areas if places are available. All children are eligible to start school in the September of the school year in which they are 5.