

Thringstone Primary School is seeking your views on the changes proposed below. Our consultation will run for 6 weeks from 9am Monday 6th November 2023 to Midnight Monday 18th December 2023. The determined admissions arrangements must be published on our website by **15th March 2024**.

This policy will operate for entry **September 2025**. It will also apply to all mid-term admissions for the school year **2025/26** and for subsequent years until further notice.

Admissions Arrangements:

Proposal i:

Thringstone Primary School is seeking to include the pre-school, Little Acorns in its Priority Criteria.

The rationale for this change is to allow continuity for those children who have attended the pre-school so they have the opportunity to join the school.

Proposal ii:

Thringstone Primary School are removing the criterion for children of staff who are permanently employed at the school.

The reason for this is to give those children in the local area and who attended the pre-school a better chance of attending the school.

Proposal iii:

Thringstone Primary School have amended the order of the criterion.

This is to ensure those children connected with the school through pre-school have the opportunity to join Thringstone Primary School.

Priority Oversubscription Criteria for Entry Autumn 2025 Admissions and Mid-term Applications during 2025/2026 Academic Year

Where there are more applications than places available, the oversubscription criteria are used to decide the priority of applications for school places. Priority will be given to children whose parents applied on time and ranked in accordance with the priority criteria set out below. The first criterion represents the group of children most likely to get a place at the school. The last criterion represents the group of children least likely to get a place.

A combination of the highest criterion plus distance will be used where there are more applications than places available within a single criterion, for example where there are 120 places and 125 catchment applications are submitted, the 125 children that are in catchment will then be ranked by distance, with the closest 120 being offered the places.

Where there is a tie, the next relevant criteria will be used to determine which application should be offered the place, if they still have identical ranking then lots will be drawn.

The Priority criteria for Thringstone Primary School is set out in the table below:

	<u>Current Criteria</u>	<u>Proposed Criteria</u>
1st	Children who are in public care and those children who were previously looked after children. (See note ii).	Children who are in public care and those children who were previously looked after children including children who appear to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. (See note ii).
2nd	Pupils who live in the catchment area at the time of application and admission (See note iii)	Pupils who live in the catchment area at the time of application (See note iii)
3rd	Pupils who will have an older brother or sister attending Thringstone Primary School at the same time who live in the same house. (See notes iv and v).	Pupils who will have an older brother or sister attending Thringstone Primary School at the same time who live in the same house. (See notes iv).
4th	Children of staff who are permanently employed at Thringstone Primary School (viii)	Pupils who are attending Little Acorns Pre-School at the point of application (see note v)
5th	Pupils who have a serious medical condition or exceptional social or domestic needs that make it essential they attend the school requested. (Professional documentation confirming the situation must be submitted with the application). (See note v).	Pupils who have a serious medical condition or exceptional social or domestic needs that make it essential they attend the school requested. (Professional documentation confirming the situation must be submitted with the application). (See note vi).
6th	Pupils living nearest the school measured in a straight line distance (home to school front gate) (notes vi vii)	Pupils living nearest the school measured in a straight line distance (home to school front gate) (notes vi vii)

Notes:

i). A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to school;

Previously looked after children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, (or become subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in a state care as a result of being adopted.

[*State Care – a child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.] (i.e charity group that benefits society) but does not include private fostering whether in England or from outside England.

ii). For the purpose of processing a school application a single home address must be used. The child's place of residence is taken to be the parental home at which they normally reside. Where parents claim equal or dual residency they must prioritise one address over the other, or risk the application not being processed. For children of UK service personnel (UK Armed Forces) and crown servants, a postal address or quartering area address that has been formally declared by an official letter will be used as the home address prior to arrival in the UK.

iii). The term "brother or sister" includes half brother or sister, step brother or sister or legally adopted child being regarded as the brother or sister living at the same home address.

iv). If criterion 4 is used, professional supporting documentation from the Lead Professional must be supplied and must be submitted with the application. The following list are areas that are considered exceptional:

- Crown Servants
- Children subject to Child Protection Plans
- Hard to Place children – who fall under the Fair Access Protocol
- Parents suffering domestic violence (dependent on documentary evidence)
- A child for who transfer to the catchment area school would involve attending a different school until he/she is right age for transfer. (This is dependent on the child having attended the present school for at least a year.)

Each case will be assessed on its individual merits.

v). for criterion 5, the child must be on roll at the feeder school at point of application.

vi). For criterion 6, measurement of distance up to three decimal places will be in a straight line from point of the property to the schools designated main front gate, using computerised mapping system route finder. Where there is an equal distance then lots will be drawn, supervised by an independent officer.

Normal FTA / Transfer Applications

Thringstone Primary School as required will participate in full with the LA's FTA / Transfer Co-ordinating Scheme. This means parents must apply through the LA online system or using the LA's common application form. The Application forms must be completed and submitted or returned by the national closing date (First time admissions Primary – 15 January).

Late Applications

Any applications received after the closing date and will be accepted but considered only after those received by the closing date. You are therefore encouraged to ensure that your application is submitted on time. All supplementary information i.e medical consultant letters to proof of change of address, remains to the parents responsibility to supply.

Oversubscription Criteria

If Thringstone Primary School has more applications than places available, Governors will draw up a ranked list based on the criteria listed above and inform the local authority accordingly. Children who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs that name Thringstone will be admitted even if the school is full.

Oversubscription (OSL 'Waiting') List

Parents whose children have been refused a place at Thringstone will automatically be added to the waiting list. The OSL for admission will remain open until the end of the Autumn Term in the admission year. The OSL is ranked using the oversubscription criteria listed above. The OSL may change, this means that a child's OSL position during the year could go 'up' or 'down'. The OSL makes no distinction between on time or late applications.

Appeals

If your child has been refused a place at Thringstone Primary School, you retain the statutory right to appeal. Thringstone has engaged the services of the LA to conduct all our appeals. Therefore, you can appeal using the LA's 'Notice of Appeal' through the following link [www...](#) The LA will arrange the appeal on the behalf of the governors to be heard by an independent panel, whose decision is binding on all parties.

Application during the School Year

Thringstone Primary School has engaged the services of the LA to co-ordinate mid-term applications. This is because the LA's online systems operate 24/7, and throughout the school holidays. If Thringstone has a space, the LA will offer a place, if there are more applications than places the Governors will rank the applications and inform the LA, who in turn inform parents of outcomes.

Fraudulent Information

If the allocation of a place has been made on the basis of fraudulent or intentionally misleading information, the governors reserve the right to withdraw the place.

Fair Access Protocol

Thringstone Primary School will participate in full with the LA's *Fair Access Protocol* in order to make sure that the most vulnerable children are offered a place at a suitable school as quickly as possible. This includes admitting children above the published admission number of a school that is already full.



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Deferred, Part time and Delayed Entry

All parents at 4+ entry i.e 'first time admissions' (FTA) can defer or seek part time entry. The request must be in writing and accompanied where possible with lead professional documentation supporting the request.

Definitions:

Deferred entry: a request to school seeking a start later in the school year but no later than the start of the summer term

Delayed entry: a request to the admitting authority seeking to apply and start a year later from reception.

Objections

Objections to any aspects of the determined admissions arrangements may be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator

(www.education.gov.uk/schoolsadjudicator), but must be made before 15th May.



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Response form:

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Strongly agree agree neutral disagree strongly disagree

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Please return all response by xx/xx/xx to:

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Your name:

Date:

Signed: