



## **JOHN OF GAUNT INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL**

### **Admission Policy for Reception children** **2016/17**

**As a foundation school, the Governors are the admissions authority for John of Gaunt Infant and Nursery School. However, our policy for the next academic year will replicate the Local Authority Policy:**

By law children must start statutory education full time at the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday. Where admission is offered prior to compulsory school age, parents may defer their child's entry into school until later in that academic year.

At John of Gaunt Infant and Nursery School we encourage all parents of children starting reception to consider sending their child full time in September. The first two weeks of the Autumn Term are a phased transition into full time school. However, all parents have the right to choose part time schooling for their children, which can be discussed on an individual basis with the Headteacher.

These procedures fully conform to the new Admissions Code published by DCFS 10th February 2010. The law also allows parents to ask for their child to be admitted but lets them delay the start date until later in the school year. Children must start school by the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday and the place must be taken up by the start of the summer term. If you inform us that you wish to delay your child's entry the place will be held and will not be offered to another child.

#### **School**

Children are admitted to the School in the September following their fourth birthday. Admission will be full time, following a period of introductory sessions.

#### **John of Gaunt Admission Guidelines**

All admissions to John of Gaunt are subject to Norfolk County Council Guidelines which are as follows:

1. Children in public care
2. Children with a statement of special educational needs or disability naming John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School.
3. Children who are living in Aylsham with a sibling at John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School.
4. Children who are living in Aylsham with a sibling at John of Gaunt and/or Bure Valley School.
5. Children who are living in Aylsham.
6. Children who living outside of Aylsham and have a sibling attending John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School.
7. Children who are living outside of Aylsham and have a sibling attending Bure Valley School.
8. Children who are living outside of Aylsham.

If all children within any of the above rules cannot be offered a place, the highest priority will be given to children living nearest to the school within that rule. To determine who lives nearest, distance will be measured on a straight line "crow fly" basis, using Ordnance Survey data. The address will be measured from the post office address point on the property. If, following the application of admission rules and distance, two applicants cannot be separated for a final place at a school, the admissions body will use random allocation to determine the priority for the remaining place.

### **Reception Class Admission Policy**

Allocation to our Reception Class is determined by the local authority, taking into consideration parental preference where possible.

### **Transfer from the Nursery class to Reception**

Children currently in the Nursery class do not necessarily have a place in the Reception class. Currently decisions on place allocation are taken by the authority.

If you would like to apply for a place at John of Gaunt Infant and Nursery School, please contact Mrs Lord in the school office. It is important that you make sure that the school has received the application for a place for your child by the end of December. You will usually hear whether your child has a place at the school by April.

If you have any queries about an application for a place at John of Gaunt Infant and Nursery School, please contact the Headteacher on 01263 732844.

If you have any queries about the admissions process please either contact the Headteacher at the school or contact Norfolk County Council Education department on 01603 222146

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