

The published admissions number for our main reception intake group is 45 children.

The application procedure and timetable are in line with Cumbria's co-ordinated admissions scheme. Application will be placed online to Cumbria County Council or received in school on the county form by 15th January 2026. The local authority will notify parents of the school place offered on 16th April 2026. Please see Cumbria County Council website www.cumbria.gov.uk for more information on applications and school places

We do not take ability into account when admitting pupils.

Requests for admission after the 13th May 2026 will be considered as in year admissions. If there are places available these will be offered. If not, the local authority will issue an SA8 to the parent. If the school is full then the late application will be added to a waiting list

IF OVER SUBSCRIBED WE WILL OFFER THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. Children in public care and children who have previously been in public care, this extends to children who have been adopted or have become subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of the local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social service functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).
2. Children living in the catchment area who have brother or sisters in the school at the time of the admission, giving priority to those with the youngest siblings.
3. Other children living in the catchment area, giving priority to those living nearest the school, measured in a straight line on a map.
4. Children from outside the catchment area who have brothers or sisters in the school at the time of the admission, giving priority to those with the youngest siblings.
5. Children eligible for Pupil Premium.
6. Children living outside the catchment area, giving priority to those who live closest to school, measured in a straight line on a map.

Appleby Primary school is designated a school with strategic facilities to cater for children with special educational needs in the area of complex learning difficulties and physical / mental conditions. Up to a maximum of 5 children with needs of this nature can be catered for at any time.

Applications will be prioritised according to the above criteria. An exception will be made under the authorities arrangement for the admission of children with special educational needs where the child holds an Education, Health and Care Plan, or is currently being assessed and it is considered that attendance at a particular school is appropriate to meeting the identified needs of that child.

- (1) To prioritise in categories 2 and 4 priority will be given to those children with the youngest siblings. Brothers and sisters are those living at the same address and include step and foster children. Priority will be given where it is known at the time of allocating places that a sibling will be attending the school at the time of admission.