



ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2021

HOW DECISIONS ARE MADE

The LEA is the admission authority for this School and places are allocated in accordance with their published arrangements. A copy of these arrangements can be obtained by ringing Parentline on (0845) 6045555. All calls are charged at local rates.

PLANNED ADMISSION NUMBER

Our Planned Admission Number for September 2021 is 12 - this means we are limited to accepting this number of Reception children unless otherwise informed by the County Admissions team.

ADMISSION FOR PUPILS WITH DISABILITIES

Pupils with disabilities will be welcomed into the School and a School Entry Plan will be drawn up to ensure their needs are met. Pupils with disabilities will be offered the same opportunities as other pupils and included in all aspects of school life, subject to the necessary risk assessments being carried out. The School has in place a dropped kerb, sloping entrance to the playground and a hoist in the recently modified accessible toilet.

FIRST ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

If your child is at playgroup many of you will be considering the next stage of your child's life, their **starting school**. I hope the following information will be of use to you in working out:

- (i) when your child can actually start school.
- (ii) how to get admission to the school of your choice.
- (iii) how we at North Newton will be admitting your child.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD START SCHOOL

The law says that children are entitled to start school in the September following their 4th birthday. In Somerset, children whose date of birth falls between 1st April and 31st August have the option of deferring admission until the beginning of the spring term.

It is important that parents wanting to take up this option must still apply for a school place in the normal way. A booklet is available that explains how to do this. If you have not received a booklet, please contact the school office and one will be sent to you.

CHOOSING YOUR SCHOOL

- i. Make an appointment to look around the School. Open Days are displayed on our school website. Our number is (01278) 662140 or you may call in and make personal contact. **Please note that due to the current Coronavirus pandemic onsite visits are currently suspended.**
- ii. After looking around, decide if the School is right for your child.
- iii. Fill in an admission form online on the Somerset County Council Website. Dates for completion and notification will be posted on the website. Please review regularly.

NORTH NEWTON'S INDUCTION ARRANGEMENTS

- i. In the **Summer Term** prior to starting school the Reception Teacher, Mrs. Alison Crow, will visit playgroups and meet the children. She may also make a home visit by mutual arrangement to meet both parent and child.
- ii. In the summer term your child will come for specific afternoons to get used to school as well as optional additional dates when your child may come for a shorter visit to familiarise themselves with the setting. Full details are sent to parents in advance.
- iii. From September 2021 children may attend full-time however part-time can be arranged if this is beneficial to your child. We can be flexible in our arrangements if it is felt your child is not ready for the amount of time in School that we are allocating.

Signed... M.R.G. Bar Chair of Governors

Date.....12/10/2020.....