

ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS



GRANGE PARK SCHOOL 2027-28

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Grange Park School is a Foundation School and the admission of pupils is controlled and administered by the Governing Body. The Local Authority co-ordinate the allocation of places in accordance with the published admission criteria as set out below.

The school will only admit pupils up to its approved admission number. This is set at 90 for Reception and Years 1 and 2. The admissions for Nursery is capped at 45 pupils per session. This number is based on the actual capacity of the school as stated in the School Premises Regulations (1981) as approved by the DCSF and subsequently amended in 2002 by the LA Admissions Forum. The Governors are prepared to accept above 90 pupils for Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6), subject to resources and physical space.

Admission in the Nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception at Grange Park School

A. Oversubscription Criteria

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) where the school is named in the Plan, places will be offered according to the following criteria as determined by the Governing Body:

1. **A looked after child (LAC)** (as defined in the Children Act 1989) or a child who was previously looked after (PLAC), but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order, including those who appear [to the admission authority] to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted, known as internationally adopted previously looked after children (IAPLAC).
2. **Children with a long term medical or psychological condition** which necessitates their attendance at Grange Park School rather than an alternative school. Details of that long term medical or psychological condition must be supported by a doctor's statement and must be disclosed at the time of application. Governors reserve the right to make further enquiries regarding an application made on medical grounds. If you apply for a place on such grounds it will be deemed that you have given consent to such enquiries being made. A signed consent form under the Access to Medical Records will be required. Please note that Grange Park School has no special provision for children with a medical condition which cannot be offered by other schools in the locality. The application must explain clearly the extra provision provided by Grange Park School which is the basis of the application.
3. **Where a member of the immediate family, living permanently at the same address, has a long term medical or psychological condition** which necessitates the child's attendance at Grange Park School rather than an alternative school. Details of that long term medical or psychological condition must be supported by a doctor's statement and must be disclosed at the time of application. Governors reserve the right to make further enquiries regarding an application made on medical grounds if you apply for a place on such grounds it will be deemed that you have given consent to such enquiries being made. A signed consent form under the Access to Medical Records will be required. Please note that Grange Park School has no special provision for children with a medical condition which cannot be offered by other schools in the locality. The application must

explain clearly the extra provision provided by Grange Park School which is not available at alternative local school(s).

4. Children who have a sibling living in the same household who currently attend Grange Park School full time (not the Nursery) and who will continue to do so on the date of **admission**. A sibling refers to a brother or sister, half brother or sister with one parent in common, adopted brother or sister or step brother or sister.
5. **Children of staff** where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
6. Children living nearest to Grange Park School. Distance will be measured as set out below in note (i).

Notes:

- i) **Distance criterion:** Priority will be given within each criterion above to those living nearest the school according to distance which will be measured in a straight line from the point set by Ordnance Survey at the child's home address and Grange Park School (Ordnance Survey coordinate 509872 182059) using Hillingdon Council's computerised mapping system.
- ii) **Home address definition:** Where there is a genuine 50/50 share care arrangement with your child's other parent, then the home address of the parent who is in receipt of child benefit will be used for the purpose of the application. In cases where parents are not eligible for child benefit the home address will be that of the parent where the child is registered with the doctor.

B. Admission of Children Outside of their Normal Age Group

Reception Year Deferred Entry

It is recommended that children start school in the September immediately following the child's fourth birthday, however applicants can defer the date their child is admitted to the school until later in the school year but not beyond the first day of term following the child's fifth birthday. The place will then be held until the first day of the spring or summer term. Parents may also request that their child attends part-time until compulsory school age is reached.

Applications must be made in the usual way and then the deferral is requested by writing to the Head Teacher at the time of application.

Summer Born Children

The term 'Summer Born' refers to children born between 1st April and 31st August and these children reach compulsory school age on 31st August. If a parent wishes their summer born child to be educated outside of their normal age cohort, they must make the school aware by writing a letter to the Chair of Governors at the time of application.

This application will be treated in the same way as all other applications and there is no guarantee that an offer will be made.

Children are educated in school with others of their age group. However, parents may request that their child is exceptionally admitted outside their age group. The Governing Body, as the Admission Authority for Grange Park School, must decide whether or not the individual child's circumstances make this appropriate on educational grounds. Such requests will only be agreed in exceptional circumstances.

A parent/carer wishing to apply for admission for their child outside of their chronological year group should discuss this, and the reasons for the request, with the School and Governing Body. The parent/carer should write a letter to the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors at the time of application. The Governing Body will consider each case based on the circumstances and best interests of the child concerned and permission will only be given in exceptional circumstances. This will include taking account of the parent/carer's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. Evidence supporting the parent's request must be submitted at the same time as application for a place. The Governing Body will also consider the views of the Head Teacher.

Applications for entry into a year above their age group will only be considered if the child can demonstrate aptitude and ability across all curriculum areas and social and emotional maturity to cope with peers who are older. Should the required year group be full, then the application will be processed in line with the oversubscription criteria stated in these arrangements.

C. Multiple Births

Where there are twins or multiple births on the waiting list or applying to enter the school and there is only one place available, all children from that particular multiple birth will be admitted even if it takes the numbers in a year group above 90. This provision is without prejudice to the Governors' intention to admit no more than the standard number of pupils in each year under the admissions criteria.

D. Tie Breaker

If two or more children live equal distances from the school a computerised random allocation will be used to determine which child should be given priority.

E. Procedure for Admission

- Applications must be made in accordance with the family's Home Local Authority coordinated admissions procedure, either online or using a School Application Form.
- Proof of current address will be required on application
- Parents of successful applicants are informed via their Home Local Authority.
- Unsuccessful applicants will be offered the opportunity to be placed on the School's waiting list if Grange Park School was listed as a higher preference on your application.

F. Admissions Appeals

Parents have a statutory right of appeal against the decision of the Governing Body not to admit their child. Where a place cannot be offered, the parent will be advised of their right of appeal and the appropriate paperwork dispatched. In line with the current School Admission Appeals Code, the appeal panel will be totally independent of the school.

G. In-Year Admissions

Applications for admission to all years which are received after 1 September 2026 are treated as 'in-year' applications.

Applications for in-year admissions can be made to Grange Park School direct. If a place is available in the appropriate year group, an offer will be made to the family on completion of an Admissions meeting with the Parent/Carer and Pupil. The governors have given authorisation for the school to offer places without consultation where places are available in the appropriate year group. If there are no places available this will be conveyed to the family and they will be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained by the Governing Body in the order of the oversubscription criteria and not in the order in which applications are received. When a place becomes available, we will contact the family at the top of the list and inform the parent that an offer is being made on behalf of the Governing Body.

The School will notify the Local Authority of both the application and the outcome of the application so that the Local Authority can meet its statutory duty to keep up to date figures on the availability of school places in the area.

H. Provision for Special Educational Needs

The school aims to treat all children as individuals and to enable them to develop at their own pace; the school aims to enable those children with special needs to overcome their difficulties or, if that is not possible, to accept them in a positive and creative way.

The school recognises that many children will have difficulties at some time or another, that there are many causes and many manifestations. Nevertheless, all children have an entitlement to full access to the curriculum. The school's aim is to make this possible.

The school will admit children with Education and Health Care Plans where that is the wish of the parents and the local authority administering the plan. In such cases the school will ensure, in co-operation with the relevant local authority which has the legal responsibility to provide the funding, that the children receive the support specified in their Education and Health Care Plan and will seek specialist help in meeting those children needs where the required skills and facilities are not available within the school.

I. Children of UK Service Personnel

For those families with a confirmed posting to this area, places will be allocated in advance of the family arriving in the area. The application must be accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date and a Unit postal address.

J. Withdrawal of Places

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, places offered will be withdrawn if:

- the offer was made in error
- an incorrect address or other false information is supplied
- the parent has not responded to an offer within a reasonable time

A place will not be withdrawn once a child has started at Grange Park School, except where that place was fraudulently obtained but the length of time the child has been at the school will be taken into account i.e. less than one term.

K. Applications from Abroad

If your child holds a full British Citizen passport that is endorsed to show a right of abode in the UK, an application could be accepted, even though they are not resident here yet. For the purpose of allocation, the abroad address must be used to process the application. This does not apply to Crown Servants and UK Service Personnel.

Evidence will be required to provide a link to an address in the London Borough of Hillingdon when the application is submitted. Evidence might include:

- Booked flights
- End of lease /notice to tenants in property
- Start of employment contract in area
- End of employment contract abroad If this evidence cannot be provided the application may not be processed.

L. Application for Families Arriving from Abroad including from the EU, from 1st January 2021

In most cases, children arriving from overseas have the right to attend schools in England. It is the responsibility of parents to check that their children have a right, under their visa entry conditions, to study at a school before submitting an application.

M. Temporary Addresses

A temporary address may not be accepted if you still own a property that was previously used as a home address, or a temporary address which the Admissions Authority consider to be solely or mainly used to obtain a school place. If you own more than one property the Admissions Authority may only consider the given address if you have lived there for a year prior to the closing date of application (including rented, bought or living with a family member or friend).

You will be asked to provide additional information to explain why you are not using your permanent address, or another address identified as a result of our screening, or as a result of information obtained from the public. This may include utility bills, benefit claims and copies of mortgage or rent agreements. We will also check Hillingdon council records as well as other Local Authorities records to clarify whether or not you receive services or benefits at another address.

N. Consultation / Determination

Each year the Governing Body of Grange Park School is required to draw up, consult on and determine the schools' admission arrangements. This determined admissions policy (2027-28) was consulted on in October to November 2025 and determined in February 2026.

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