

Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant



Admissions Policy

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The school admits:

- Children who live in and around Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant
- Children from other areas whose parents have expressed a wish for them to be educated at Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant Primary School.

Unless other acceptable arrangements are made, a child is required to attend school fulltime from the beginning of the term following the fifth birthday.

From the commencement of the Autumn Term 2017, in Powys a child may be admitted to school, at the parent/carers' request, on either a full-time or part-time basis at the beginning of the Autumn Term following the fourth birthday. (One intake each academic year.)

This means that pupils born between

- 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 can commence school September 2021
- 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 can commence school September 2022
- 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 can commence school September 2023
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The number of places available at Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant Primary is 15 in any year group.

Three year olds

Parents who are considering sending their child to the school and who wish to visit the school and/or obtain more information, are welcome to do so by prior arrangement with the Head teacher.

Having a place at Cylch Meithrin does not guarantee a place in the main school at age 4.

PUPILS WITH DISABILITIES.

The school will admit all pupils whose educational needs can be met from the resources provided to it. Pupils with disabilities will not be treated less favourably than other pupils.

PUPILS OUTSIDE AUTHORITY

If parents live outside Powys and wish to send their child to a school within this Authority before the child is five years old, they should first inform the Education Authority in whose area they live before applying for admission to the Powys primary school concerned.

EARLY VISITS TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOR PRE-SCHOOL AGE PUPILS

Pre-school age children are entitled to visit a school prior to commencing on a full or part time basis. These visits should be for a maximum of 2 full days or 4 half days, on dates to be arranged with the school.

The Authority's criteria for school admissions will apply if the demand for Reception Class places exceeds the number of places available.

LOCAL AUTHORITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO A SCHOOL

Children normally attend the Primary school that has traditionally taken children from the area where their parents are now living but parents can obtain information about alternative schools. Places will be allocated up to the school's admission number without the application of any conditions. However should the number of applications exceed the admission number the following oversubscription criteria, listed in order of priority, will be used.

Where schools are over-subscribed it is a requirement of the School Standards & Framework Act, 1998 that criteria are published, which are then used to determine admissions.

Pupils with a statement of special education needs, which names a specific school which the child should attend because their needs can be best met by that particular school and its facilities will be automatically, allocated a place.

The Authority has adopted, in order of priority, the following criteria:

- a. Looked after children
- b. The presence of an elder brother or sister in the school when the home remains in the allocation area of the school which applied in the year the elder child was first admitted and that the older sibling* will be on roll when the younger sibling is admitted
- c. The location of the home if it is within the current allocation area of the school
- d. Any special medical and social needs relating to the individual child where attendance at particular school is essential
- e. The presence of a brother or sister at the school when the home is not in the original or catchment area for the school and the older sibling will be on roll when the younger sibling is admitted
- f. The location of the home in relation to the school and alternative schools if it is outside the current allocation area of the school

- *Sibling includes half-siblings, step-siblings, and foster children living in the same household.*

Within each criterion, places will be allocated on the basis of the shortest walking distance to the school, in strict order of distance, up to the number of places available, the highest priority being given to the pupil living closest to the school.

The distance will be measured from the closest access point on the public highway to the pupil's ordinary place of residence which is nearest to the school and measured to the nearest school gate. The Authority uses the Geographical Information System to measure all distances.- ordinary place of residence is the residence of the parent who receives the Child Benefit for the pupil.

(This is also the case where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility for part of a week).

Social Medical Need

Supporting evidence from a registered health profession such as Doctor, or Social Worker, outlining the social medical reasons why a particular school would be the most suitable for the child and giving details of any difficulties that could be caused if the child could not attend school. This information will be discussed with the Additional Learning Needs Team and any other appropriate office of the Authority, and all facts taken into consideration before the allocation of places. Late information will not be taken into consideration.

Multiple Birth Children (e.g. Twins, Triplets or siblings in same year group)

In the event of only one, or two, in the case of triplets, remaining place/s being available and applications are received for twins, triplets or siblings born in the same school year having the same place of residence, the place/s will be allocated in alphabetical order of the child's first forename, unless other name stated. In these cases the Authority will liaise closely with the school to discuss class size options etc therefore, offering a place to one or two of the affected pupils.

Special Medical and Social Needs

Parents should note that any special medical and/or social factors must be made known at the time of their original application if they wish these to be considered in the event of over subscription. Parents will need to obtain supporting evidence from a registered health professional such as a doctor or social worker, outlining the social medical reasons why a particular school would be the most suitable for the child and giving details of any difficulties that could be caused if the child could not attend the school. This information will be discussed with the Additional Learning Needs. Team and any other appropriate office of the Authority, and all facts taken into consideration before the allocation of places. Late information will not be taken into consideration.

REFUSAL OF ADMISSION

The Welsh Assembly Government advice indicates that it is not acceptable to refuse admission to pupils or give them a low priority on the grounds that they may disrupt the education of other pupils or for a school to refuse to admit a pupil because they believe that the school cannot cater for his/her special educational needs and, therefore, these factors will not be used to determine the offer of places.

APPEALS AGAINST ADMISSION DECISIONS

Most pupils in Powys are allocated a place at their parents' first choice of school. If however, it is not possible to allocate a place at the preferred school, an alternative school place will be offered. It is then for parents to decide whether to accept the place at the alternative school or to appeal against the decision of the admission authority.

The Authority will offer places in its schools up to the published admission number. Places granted by the independent appeals panel, following successful appeal, will be in addition to the published admission number. If the appeals process leads to the admission of pupils beyond the published admission number, places given up, at a later date, will not be filled by the Authority until numbers drop below the published admission number.

The Use of the Welsh Language in Powys Schools (Part 5 Admissions booklet)

Powys County Council aims to ensure that Welsh-medium education is available to all children whose parents/guardians wish them to receive their education through the medium of Welsh. It is available across Powys, in Welsh-medium schools and in Welsh streams in dual stream schools.

The majority of pupils who receive their education through the medium of Welsh come from non-Welsh speaking homes. Because of this, Welsh-medium schools and streams place a considerable emphasis on learning in and through the language, and your child will learn to read Welsh in school before he or she starts on their English. This can be a cause for concern to some parents, as they see children in other schools getting started straight away on English. However, there is no need to worry; your child will learn to read English in no time when he or she is ready for it.

Pupils who receive their primary education through the medium of Welsh are normally expected to continue to receive their education through the medium of Welsh in secondary school. In Powys, Welsh-medium secondary provision is provided in Welsh streams in a number of high schools across the county. Although the number of subjects taught through the medium of Welsh varies between secondary schools, the aim of Powys County Council and every secondary school that has a Welsh-medium stream is to teach all subjects offered on the curriculum through the medium of Welsh and English in every Key Stage, in order to ensure equal opportunity and equality of provision for all pupils in Powys.

Admissions at Other Times

Application for admission to a primary or secondary school at other times, e.g. for those moving into the County, should be made to the Admissions and Transport Team, who will be able to advise concerning admission procedure and availability of places, etc.

Transfers between Schools

Parents of pupils in primary and secondary schools who wish to transfer their child to a different school at any time except through change of residence should, in the first instance, discuss the matter with the Headteacher of their current school to explain their reason for requesting a change of school. Having spoken to the current Headteacher, parents should then approach the Headteacher of their chosen school and discuss the possibility of admission, explaining why the change of school is being requested.

Parents are then required to complete an In Year School Admission Request Form, which are available on the Powys County Council website <http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/schools-students/apply-for-a-school-place/> or from the Admissions & Transport Team, Schools Service, Powys County Hall, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5LG. The completed form should be returned to the Admissions and Transport Team.

Applications for such transfers will normally be approved, to take place at the beginning of a term or half term, provided that the transfer does not prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources and is not incompatible with arrangements between the Governing Body and the Local Authority in respect of admission to an aided school.

Failure to complete each section of the application form fully, to include the Section for the Headteacher of the outgoing school, will result in the form being returned and therefore delaying the process.

School Transport

To qualify for primary school transport, pupils must reside 2 or more miles from the nearest school, measured by the shortest walking distance, wherever practicable within existing transport routes. It should be noted that transport for qualifying pupils is only provided to the catchment school. The LA uses the MapInfo Geographical Information System to measure all distances. Transport is available in appropriate areas of Powys for pupils who wish to attend primary schools for education through the medium of English or Welsh. Further information is available from the Admissions & Transport Team, Powys County Hall, Llandrindod Wells. Application forms for the provision of transport should be returned at the same time as the parental preference for primary school admission form.

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More information available in Welsh or English via:

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/1158/Applying-for-a-School-Place>