Admissions Policy

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Our school vision.

Hethersett VC Primary School empowers its children and their families to flourish and grow. Creativity, compassion, responsibility, the love of learning to gain knowledge and wisdom, combined with Christian values shape our inclusive education.
Together we are stronger, respecting ourselves and others to create a successful and healthy future.
Keep your roots deep in him, build your lives on him, and become stronger in your faith, as you were taught. And be filled with thanksgiving. Colossians 2:7

School admission policy : 2025/26 (Agreed)

If there are more applications for places than there are places available, the Local Authority will give priority to children living nearest to the school, according to the following rules in this order of priority:

Children who are due to start school and:

1. have an EHCP or statement of special educational needs naming that school
2. children in public care, have been adopted from public care or adopted from abroad who are due to transfer
3. live in the catchment area and who have a sibling attending the school at the time of their admission
4. live in the catchment area who have a brother or sister attending the feeder junior school
5. have a disability and live in the catchment area (Appropriate professional evidence will be required to confirm the disability)
6. live in the catchment area
7. have been allocated a permanent place at a Specialist Resource Base attached to the school. (Places allocated by Norfolk County Council's Placement panel)
8. children eligible for the service premium.
   A pupil is eligible for the service premium if: one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces (including pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full time reserve service); they have been registered as a 'service child' on the January school census at any point since 2016; one of their parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme.
9. live outside the catchment area who have a brother or sister with a statement of special educational needs attending the school at the time of their admission
10. live outside the area served by the school who have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of their admission
11. live outside the catchment area who have a brother or sister attending the feeder junior school
12. have a disability and live outside the catchment area (Appropriate professional evidence will be required to confirm the disability)
13. children of staff, where a member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for there is a demonstrable skill shortage
14. live outside the catchment area

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.

In the unlikely event that distance does not separate the final two or more pupils seeking the last remaining place, a random allocation will be used to determine who is offered the final place.