



**The Park Federation Academy Trust
Iver Village Infants Academy**

Admissions Criteria 2026 - 2027

Approval

Signed by Principal on behalf of the Board of Directors	Kelly Wright <i>K A Wright</i>
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Section 1: Introduction

Iver Village Infants Academy is committed to complying with the Schools Admissions and Appeals Codes. As an inclusive school with no religious affiliations, we welcome applications from all pupils. This policy outlines the admissions criteria for entry to Iver Village Infants Academy for the academic year 2026/2027.

Section 2: Legal Framework

This policy is developed in accordance with all relevant legislation and statutory guidance, including but not limited to the following:

- **Equality Act 2010**
- **Human Rights Act 1998**
- **School Standards and Framework Act 1998**
- **DfE (2021) 'School Admissions Code'**
- **DfE (2023) 'School Admission Appeals Code'**

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- **Equal Opportunities Policy: Pupils**
- **Data Protection Policy**
- **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy**
- **SEN Information Report**

Section 3: Admissions Policy

The admissions criteria for Iver Village Infants Academy will be determined by the Academy Council. The Local Authority-Buckinghamshire Council will administer the offer of places on behalf of the Academy Council.

Pupil Admission Numbers

Year Group	2025/2026
R	60
1	60
2	60

Section 4: Oversubscription Criteria

In the event that there are fewer applicants than available places, all applicants will be accepted.

Where Iver Village Infants Academy is oversubscribed, priority for admission will be given to applicants as follows, after the admission of pupils with statements of special educational needs that name the Academy:

1. Looked after and previously looked after children.
2. Children who have exceptional medical or social needs, which can only be met at that school, supported by written evidence from an appropriate professional person.
- 3 Children of staff where either:
 - the 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
 - the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage
- 4 Children attending a primary school linked to the school named in the list of 'linked primary' schools at the time the allocations are made (March 2025). This rule does not apply to those starting school in Reception.
- 5 Children living within the catchment area of the school.
- 6 For the main point of entry: siblings of children who are attending the school or a 'linked primary' school in Year R to Year 2 at the time the allocations are made (March 2025), and are expected to be on the school roll or linked school roll at the time of the proposed admission, or who have already been offered a place to start in the current academic year at the school or a 'linked primary' school.
- 7 For immediate in year admission after the normal point of entry: Siblings of children who are in Year R to Year 2 at the time of admission to the school.
- 8 Once the above rules have been applied, then any further places will be offered in distance order; using the distance between the family's Normal Home Address and the school's nearest entrance gate offering the closest first. We use straight line distance.
- 9 Where a school can take some, but not all, of the children who qualify under one of these rules, we will give priority to children by taking account of the next rule (or rules) in the numbered list to decide who has priority for places.

For example, places are offered to catchment siblings (Rule 5 & 6) before children living in the catchment area without siblings (Rule 5). In each case, distance is used to prioritise which children should be offered places.

- 10 If it is still not possible to decide between two applicants who are equidistant then an independently scrutinised random allocation will be made to allocate the final place.

Late Applications

Late applications will be considered only after all "on-time" applications have been allocated. If a school place cannot be offered, late applicants will be placed on the waiting list according to the oversubscription criteria.

Late applications will not be placed at the bottom of the waiting list, as this would result in the child being penalised twice. Instead, they will be prioritised in the same order as timely applications if a school place cannot be offered (as per paragraph 2.14 of the Schools Admissions Code).

In-Year Applications

Applications for in-year admissions must be made directly to the Local Authority. The Local Authority will manage these applications in accordance with the established admissions criteria.

Appeals

Parents who are refused a school place have the right to appeal the decision to an Independent Appeal Panel. Information regarding the appeals process will be provided to parents at the time of the refusal.