

## Witton Middle School - Admissions Policy 2025

Our normal year of entry for pupils is Year 5 and we have a Published Admission Number of 150.

The admissions process is part of the Worcestershire Local Authority scheme. The Governors will initially apply the following criteria to all applications.

They have agreed that the aim shall be to admit pupils, regardless of ability in the following priority order:

- 1. Looked after children and all previously looked after children 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. (Definition of Looked After see Notes)
- 2. Who will have a Sibling at the school at the time of admission (see Notes).
- 3. From the area designated as the 'catchment area' within Droitwich Spa. <u>Witton</u> <u>Catchment Area Map</u>
- 4. Attendance at a named feeder school. Our named feeder schools are:

Admission for children outside of their normal age group:

**Fair Access** - In exceptional circumstances, the Governors will consider exceeding the Published Admission Number with regard to the Worcestershire Fair Access Protocol.

**Admission of children outside of their normal age group** - Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health, effectively in the year group below or above their chronological age group.

The Local Authority will request the Headteacher of the school to reach the final decision. This will involve the Headteacher completing an educational assessment to determine whether or not it is appropriate for the individual child to delay or accelerate their entry into school and be taught outside of the chronological age group. This would ordinarily not be agreed at Witton Middle School.

**Home address** - is determined as the address that a child ordinarily resides at for the majority of the school week (e.g. three or more days out of five, Monday to Friday during term-time.) Where care is split equally, parents / carers must provide documentary evidence that care is equally split. In such cases the address will be determined by random selection. Someone independent of the Governing Body will supervise this process.

**Named Feeder Schools** - Chawson First School WR9 8BW, Hindlip C of E First School WR3 8RJ, O mbersley Endowed First School WR9 0DR, St Peter's C of E First School WR9 7AN, Tibberton C of E First School WR9 7NL, Westlands First School & Nursery WR9 9EQ and Wychbold First & Nursery School WR9 7PU

Witton Catchment Area Map