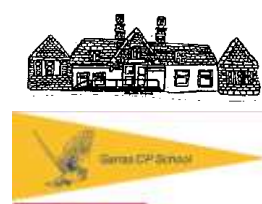


GARRAS AND SITHNEY

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Admissions Policy 2017/2018



Introduction

Garras Primary School and Sithney Primary School are Foundation Schools and the Governors are the admitting authority. The schools are both mixed 4-11 primary schools serving their local communities.

Allocation of places

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names Garras or Sithney Primary School will be admitted to the school regardless of the number on roll in the year group.

Children in Care who are directed to the school by the Local Authority will be admitted to the school, regardless of the number on roll in the year group.

Garras and Sithney Primary Schools will participate fully in the Local Authority's Fair Access Protocol.

The schools will participate fully in the Local Authority's co-ordinated admission schemes for reception class admissions and in-year admissions. Details of these schemes are available on the Council's website (www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) or on request from the Local Authority (0300 1234 101). Closing dates, deadlines and timescales (including those relating to late applications) will be as stated in those schemes.

The published admission number (PAN) for Year R in 2017/18 will be 7 for Garras and 13 for Sithney.

In the event of there being more than 7 applications for places in Year R for the 2017/18 academic year the following oversubscription criteria, in descending order of priority, will be used to prioritise applications.



Applying for a place

All applications for places at Garras and Sithney Primary Schools must be made directly to the applicant's home authority on the appropriate Common Application Form (CAF). The CAF and supporting information will be available electronically on the Local Authority's website or in paper form on request from the Local Authority. There is no supplementary information form required by the governors.

The Governors will operate an equal preference scheme as defined in the School Admissions Code.

Admission of children outside 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. Those wishing to request placement outside the normal age group should contact the head teacher. Such requests will be considered on a case by case basis and in the best interests of the child concerned. Guidance can also be found at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions or on request from the School Admissions Team.

Oversubscription criteria

The following priority order will be used to decide which children should occupy any vacant places, after the admission of pupils with Educational, Health and Care plans where Garras or Sithney Primary School is named in the plan, in year R at a primary school in the 2017/18 school year.

1. Children in care and children who were in care but immediately after being in care became subject to an Adoption, Child Arrangement or Special Guardianship Order.
2. Children who live in the designated area of the preferred school, or whose parents can provide evidence that they will be living in the designated area of Garras or Sithney Primary Schools by the beginning of the autumn term of the 2017/18 school year.

If there are more designated area children wanting places at Garras or Sithney Primary Schools than there are places available, criteria 3 and 4 below will be used to decide which of these children should have priority for admission. If there are still places available after all the designated area children have been allocated places, criteria 3 to 6 will be used to decide which of the remaining children should have priority for any spare places.

3. Children with an unequivocal professional recommendation from a doctor, school medical officer, educational psychologist or education welfare officer that non-



placement at Garras or Sithney Primary Schools would not be in the best interest of the child and that placement at Garras or Sithney Primary Schools is essential. Such recommendations must be made in writing and must give full supporting reasons and will be reviewed by the LA.

4. Children with siblings who will still be attending Garras or Sithney Primary Schools at the time of their admission.
5. All other children

The following priority order will be used to decide which children should occupy any vacant places, after the admission of pupils with Educational, Health and Care plans where Garras or Sithney Primary Schools is named in the plan, in years 1 to 6 at Garras or Sithney Primary Schools in the 2017/18 school year.

1. Children in care and children who were in care but immediately after being in care became subject to an Adoption, Child Arrangement or Special Guardianship Order.
2. Children who live in the designated area of Garras or Sithney Primary Schools, or whose parents can provide evidence that they will be living in the designated area of Garras or Sithney Primary Schools by the requested date of admission.

If there are more designated area children wanting places at Garras or Sithney Primary Schools than there are places available, criteria 3 to 5 below will be used to decide which of these children should have priority for admission. If there are still places available after all the designated area children have been allocated places, criteria 3 to 5 will be used to decide which of the remaining children should have priority for any spare places.

3. Children with an unequivocal professional recommendation from a doctor, school medical officer, educational psychologist or education welfare officer that non-placement at Garras or Sithney Primary Schools would not be in the best interest of the child and that placement at Garras or Sithney Primary Schools is essential. Such recommendations must be made in writing and must give full supporting reasons and will be reviewed by Garras or Sithney Primary Schools.
4. Children with siblings who will still be attending Garras or Sithney Primary Schools at the time of their admission.
5. All other children.

Children with Education, Health and Care Plans

If a child with an Education, Health and Care Plan has the name of a school specified in his/her plan, the child **must** be admitted to that school.

Children in care and children who were in care

A 'child in care' is also referred to as a 'looked after child' and is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

A Child Arrangement Order is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

Children in care **will be** admitted to the school considered most suitable by the Corporate Director, Children, Schools and Families, regardless of the number on roll.

Designated areas

The Children's Services Authority (CSA) has divided the county into geographical areas. Each of these areas is served by a specific primary school (or schools). These areas are called 'designated areas'. (You may also have heard these areas referred to as 'catchment' areas.) Your designated school will not always be the one nearest to your home address.

Maps will be provided on the Council's website (www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) and at the back of the secondary transfer booklet to help you to identify your child's designated school (or schools). Please note, however, that these maps are, of necessity, small scale and if your property is near a border it is advisable to check your designated school with the Admissions and Transport (Policy) Team. Larger scale maps are available for all designated areas on request. You can also ask to be notified of the designated school(s) for any address. These requests should be made to: Cornwall Council, Admissions and Transport (Policy), Children, Schools and Families, Camel Building, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY. Tel: 0300 1234 101, email: admissionsandtransport@cornwall.gov.uk

The CSA will continue to give free transport to eligible children on the basis of residence in the areas which is defined as the designated area for Garras or Sithney Primary Schools.



If you are planning to move into the designated area of Garras or Sithney Primary Schools, your application for a place for your child at that school will not be given the priority accorded to designated area pupils without firm evidence of your new address and moving date, such as a copy of a signed and dated tenancy agreement or confirmation that contracts have been exchanged.

Professional recommendation for admission

If you think your child meets this criterion, as described in the Oversubscription Criteria, you must send the relevant written evidence to Garras or Sithney Primary Schools.

Siblings

'Siblings' means brothers or sisters. They are defined as children with at least one natural or adoptive parent in common, living at the same or a different address. Children living permanently in the same household at the same address would also be counted as siblings, regardless of their actual relationship to each other.

To qualify as a sibling a child must be on the roll of the school in question at the date of application, allocation and admission.

Tie-breakers

If any of the criteria outlined above leave more children with an equal claim than places available, the following tie-breakers will be used:

Where two or more children fulfil the same criterion, priority will be given to the child who lives nearer to the preferred school.

Final tie-breaker

Should the tie-breakers above still leave children with an equal claim because distances are exactly the same, random allocation (in accordance with 1.34 and 1.35 of the School Admissions Code) will be used to decide on priority. The LA's Random Allocation Protocol is attached (Appendix 1).

Distances

Home to school distances used for tie-breaking will be measured by a straight-line measurement as determined by CAPITA One (formerly known as Education Management System or EMS) and supported by the CSA's Geographical Information System (dataMap). Measurements will be between your home address using Ordnance Survey's Point Dataset (usually the centre of the main building of the property) and the main gate of the school (as determined by the CSA).



Distances used to determine nearest school with room (i.e. where it is not possible to offer a place at a preferred school) and for establishing transport entitlements will be measured by the nearest available route as determined by the CSA's Geographical Information System (dataMap).

Home address

Each child may have one registered address only for the purposes of determining priority for admission and transport entitlement. This address should be the place where the child is normally resident. If there is shared residence of the child or a query is raised regarding the validity of an address, it may be necessary to use the address of the person receiving child benefit for the child. If this is inconclusive, the registered address would be considered to be the address at which the child spends the majority of days during the school week. However, parents should settle any dispute prior to submitting only one application to Garras or Sithney Primary Schools for each child.

Multiple birth siblings

Where applications are received on behalf of 'multiple birth siblings' (i.e. twins, triplets, etc.) or siblings whose dates of birth place them in the same chronological year group, every effort will be made to offer places our school, which may mean allocating places above the Published Admission Number (PAN) where that is possible. However, where this is not possible, parents will be invited to decide which of the children should be allocated the available place(s).

Relevant area(s)

Consultations on proposed admission arrangements must be carried out within an area called 'the relevant area'. It is the responsibility of LAs to determine relevant areas and to consult on and review their relevant areas on a regular basis.



Appendix 1:

Random Allocation Protocol

(Cornwall Oversubscription Criteria)

1. Introduction

Random allocation of school places will only be used where the tie-breakers defined in the Admissions Oversubscription Criteria leave children with an equal claim to a school place and there are insufficient places available to allocate all of the equally ranked applicants. Random allocation is conducted in accordance with 1.34 and 1.35 of the School Admissions Code.

1. Definitions

2.1 “Independent Supervisor” means the person that ensures that the random allocation procedure is carried out correctly and transparently in accordance with this Protocol. They will be a person independent of the school for which the allocation is taking place and independent of the Admissions and Transport Team.

2.2 “Admissions Officer” is an officer from the Garras or Sithney Primary Schools’ Admissions team who is

- responsible for carrying out the administration of the random allocation procedure and
- recording the results, under the supervision of the Independent Supervisor.

2.3 “Independent Officer” is the person who makes the random allocation draw under the supervision of the Independent Supervisor. This is a person other than that under 2.1 of this Protocol and also independent of the school for which the allocation is to be made and independent of the Admissions and Transport Team.

2.4 “Random Allocation Record” is the template under section 4 of this Protocol for recording the random allocation process.

3. Protocol for carrying out random allocation

3.1 The random allocation process will be supervised by the Independent Supervisor.

3.2 The process is carried out in the order set out in 3.3 to 3.9 of this Protocol

- 3.3 The Admissions Officer assigns each child to be included in the draw a number and records it on the Random Allocation Record (1) and places it in a sealed envelope.
- 3.4 The Admissions Officer prepares identical sheets of paper for each number to be included in the draw and places these in identical envelopes.
- 3.5 The Admissions Officer shuffles the envelopes and passes them to the Independent Officer who shuffles them again, selects one and opens it.
- 3.6 The Admissions Officer records the number drawn on the Random Allocation Record (2).
- 3.7 If more than one place can be offered they continue to complete processes 3.5 and 3.6 until all of the available places are allocated.
- 3.8 The Admissions Officer then opens the previously sealed envelope containing the Random Allocation Record (1) and records the numbers drawn on this form, marking clearly which child(ren) has (have) been allocated a place and which have not.
- 3.9 Once the process has been completed the Admissions Officer, Independent Supervisor and Independent Officer sign and date the Random Allocation Records (1) and (2).
- 4.0 Appendices

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4.1 Random Allocation Record (1)

Date of random allocation	
Year Group	
Number of places to be offered	

To be completed before the draw		To be completed after the draw	
Pupil name	Number allocated	Draw place i.e. 1st, 2nd etc.	Place allocated?
	1		
	2		
	3		
	4		
	5		
	6		

Declarations

I confirm that the allocation recorded above is the correctly recorded result of the random allocation procedure carried out in accordance with the LA's Random Allocation Protocol:

Admissions Officer

Print Name:

Sign Name

Independent Supervisor

Print Name:

Sign Name:



4.2 Random Allocation Record (2)

Date of random allocation	
Year Group	
Number of places to be offered	
Reason for random allocation	
Number of applicants to be included in the process	
1st number picked	
Other numbers picked, where applicable, in order	

Declaration:

I confirm that the random allocation process has been carried out in accordance with the LA's Random Allocation Protocol.

Admission and Transport Officer

Print name

Sign name

Declarations:

I confirm that I am independent of the school named above and that the random allocation process has been carried out in accordance with the LA's Random Allocation Protocol.

Independent Supervisor

Print Name:

Sign Name:

Independent Officer

Print Name:

Sign Name: