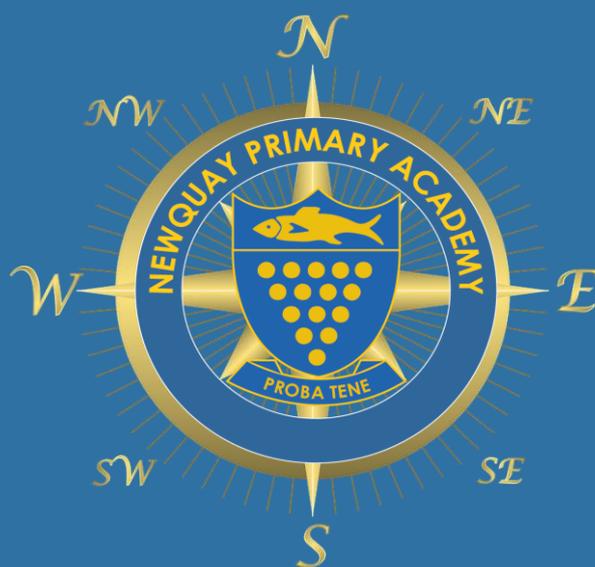




Newquay Primary Academy

Admission Arrangements for 2021-2022



A values-based education in a unique location

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Our Vision

Newquay Primary Academy is a place where there is no limit to what every child can achieve, and where every child has the chance to fulfil their unique potential. Newquay Primary Academy is a safe, calm, happy and purposeful place where every child feels wanted, loved and valued for exactly who they are. Our pupils have a sense of enthusiasm, wonder and curiosity about the world which never leaves them. They are lifelong learners with the aspirations and skills to achieve their hopes and dreams for the future.



Newquay Primary Academy is a values-based school. Our historic school motto echoes our belief in the importance of doing the right thing, working hard together and being resilient in everything we do. Our pupils are given a strong moral compass. They value the differences in themselves and in others. They understand the importance of community cohesion and making a positive contribution to the community in which we live – and to our wider global community. Our whole staff team, parents and pupils are involved in promoting our values and recognising where others are 'living the values'.



Newquay Primary Academy is situated in a unique location. We provide our pupils with inspirational opportunities to connect not only with Cornwall's beautiful natural environment, but with our proud heritage and culture. Our pupils are confident and grounded, with a strong sense of place. They are proud ambassadors for our school and our values, both historic and present.

Our Mission

To promote an aspirational school ethos underpinned by human values based on valuing our self, each other, and our environment.

Our Values

A Newquay Primary Academy education is a values-based education. Our five core values are: Integrity, Respect, Resilience, Empathy, and Reflection.

Application Process

Should I apply for a place for September 2021 for my child?

You should apply for a Reception place if your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017.

When is the closing date for applications?

The closing date for applications for a Reception place for September 2021 is **15th January 2021**.

You will be able to apply for a place from Tuesday 1st September 2020. The application window is between 1st September 2020 and 15th January 2021.

Please note that there is no advantage in applying early. All applications received by the deadline are considered equally in the allocation process. However, there is a disadvantage in applying after the deadline. This is because it is possible that some schools will already be full.

When will my offer of a place be made?

Offers will be made on 16th April 2021.

Please note that Newquay Primary Academy is a new school. If, by the offer date, the Secretary of State has not yet entered into a funding agreement with Cornwall Education Learning Trust, conditional offers will be made. Offers can only be confirmed once a signed funding agreement is in place.

How many new Reception places do we offer?

Newquay Primary Academy has a published admission number (PAN) of 30. This means that we can admit up to 30 new Reception pupils in September 2021.

Should we receive fewer than 30 applicants, Cornwall Education Learning Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

Should we receive more than 30 applicants, the oversubscription criteria summarised below will be applied.

How do I apply for a new Reception place?

Cornwall Council and all Cornwall's schools must act in accordance with the Department for Education's (DfE) Admissions Code 2014. In line with the Admissions Code, Cornwall Council is responsible for producing admissions arrangements on an annual basis which include the Coordinated Admissions Scheme.

The Coordinated Admissions Scheme applies to all schools including academies and free schools and ensures that the admissions process across Cornwall's schools is clear, fair and transparent.

To apply for a Reception place at Newquay Primary Academy for September 2021, you will need to complete and submit the Common Application Form to Cornwall Council's Local Authority.

This can be found, along with further information, on the admissions pages of Cornwall Council's website: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>

What if there are more applications than available school places?

As stated above, should we receive fewer than 30 applications for new Reception places, we will offer places at the school to all those who have applied. Should we receive more than 30 applications, the oversubscription criteria will be applied.

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan or a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming Newquay Primary Academy, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked After Children¹ and children who were previously Looked After but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order.
2. Priority will next be given to the siblings² of pupils attending Newquay Primary Academy at the time the application is received or who are attending Newquay Tretherras School. However, where an older sibling is in Year 11 or 13 at Newquay Tretherras School, siblings will not be prioritised under this criterion.

¹ Under the Children Act 1989, a child is legally defined as 'looked after' by a local authority if he or she: gets accommodation from the local authority for a continuous period of more than 24 hours; is subject to a care order (to put the child into the care of the local authority); is subject to a placement order (to put the child up for adoption).

² 'Sibling' means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a step brother or sister or other child living in the same household as part of the same family who, in any of these cases, will be living at the same address at the date of their application for a place.

3. Priority will next be given to the children of staff who have been recruited to fill a skill-shortage area.
4. Priority will next be given to children living within the Newquay TR7 area set out in the map as indicated below. Children living on the boundary line will be considered to be living within the catchment area.



5. All other children. If, in this category, a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to Newquay Primary Academy will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child's home address³ to the front gates of the school in a straight line.

Please note that random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place. We will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules, and exceed our Published Admissions Number.

³ The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with the doctor. If the residence is not split equally between both parents then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

I missed the application deadline: How do I make a late application?

Late applications are all those received after the deadline. Late applications will be considered after all those received on time. If, following consideration of all applicants, the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on our waiting list.

I didn't get an offer: Can I put my child on a waiting list?

Newquay Primary Academy operates a waiting list. You can request for your child to go on the waiting list if you have applied for and been refused a place.

Where we receive more applications for Reception places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the first term after the beginning of the school year.

Where places become vacant in our Reception classes, they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with our oversubscription criteria as stated in this document.

Your child's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with our oversubscription criteria as stated in this document.

Your child's place on the waiting list is subject to change according to additional information received about applications or other children being added to the list. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever any child is added to, or leaves, the waiting list. No priority is given to the length of time that a child has been on the list.

Children in care and those that were previously in care, children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan or who are allocated to a school in accordance with the Fair Access Protocol will be given priority over children on the waiting list. This is in accordance with the School Admissions Code 2014.

A child that is at the top of the waiting list will not necessarily be eligible for a place when a child leaves that year group. If the school is already over its Admission Number then a place will only become available when the year group falls below this number.

In addition, pupils admitted after a successful appeal or under the Fair Access Protocol will have priority for a place. With this in mind you may wish to consider submitting an appeal for a place at your preferred school if you have not done so already, rather than waiting for a place to become available.

I didn't get an offer: How do I appeal?

If it has not been possible for a place to be allocated to your child at Newquay Primary Academy you may wish to consider submitting an appeal. You have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Independent appeals are arranged by Cornwall Council's Education Appeals Team. They can be contacted on 01209 614361 or by emailing educationappeals@cornwall.gov.uk

Further information and guidance on the appeals process including the School Admission Appeal Form can be found on the Cornwall Council website at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/the-appeals-process/>

Can I defer the date my child starts Reception?

The preferred pattern of entry to reception classes should be the September immediately following your child's fourth birthday. However, in a small number of cases parents believe that starting part-time or starting later in the school year would be more appropriate for their child, for example where their child was born prematurely and would otherwise have been due to start school a year later.

Parents offered a place in Reception for their child have a right to defer the date their child is admitted, or to take the place up part-time, until the child reaches compulsory school age. Children reach compulsory school age on the prescribed day following their 5th birthday. The prescribed days are 31st August, 31st December and 31st March.

Parents may choose deferred or part-time entry to the reception year for their child or request delayed entry to reception (i.e. holding their child back a year) and each case must be considered individually and with the best interests of the child in mind.

Places cannot be deferred beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made.

More detailed information and guidance on deferred entry can be viewed on the Cornwall Council website at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/39976524/starting-school-deferring-or-delaying-admission-guidance.pdf>