

Admission to primary school in September 2026

Allocation of places as at 16th April 2026

Places allocated at Gildredge House

Published Admission Number	56
Total number of applications received	141
Number of places allocated	60

The priorities adopted to decide which children should be allocated places were stated in the East Sussex County Council booklet 'Applying for a school 2026-2027'. All applications, whether a first, second or third preference, are ranked against the school's admissions criteria. Those children meeting the criteria for more than one school will be offered the school that featured highest on the application form.

As the number of applications exceeded the number of available places, it was necessary to apply the school's oversubscription criteria. Having done so, places could only be offered to those children in priority categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The criteria are listed in the table below with the number of children allocated places in each category of priority.

Priority	Description of admissions criteria	Places allocated
	Children with statements of special educational needs	2
1	Looked after children and previously looked after children	0
2	Children whose parents are founders of Gildredge House.	0
3	Children of staff who are employed at the School	0
4	Children who will have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission	25
5	60% of remaining places to children living nearest to the School based on a straight line distance	20
6	40% of remaining places to children living within the East Sussex County Council Electoral Divisions of Eastbourne, Polegate, Willingdon and East Dean determined by random allocation	13
7	Children who live in other areas after the first 6 criteria has been filled	0
	Total number of places allocated	60

Tie breaker: In the event that two or more children live at the same distance from the school (as can happen with families living in blocks of flats) the tie breaker will have been decided by way of random allocation.

All places at Gildredge House are now filled. The Admission Authority's view is that the admission of any additional students to Gildredge House would have a negative impact on the learning experience for all students at the school.

The following information relates to questions commonly raised by parents.

Why was my application refused?

Your application will have been unsuccessful for one or more of the following reasons:

- Your child is not a looked after child or a child who has ceased to be so following adoption
- As a parent, you are not a founder of Gildredge House Free School
- As a parent, you are not employed as staff at the school
- Your child does not have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- Of the 60% of remaining places allocated your home address was further from the school than the 60% of places offered
- Of the 40% of remaining places offered to children in the Electoral Divisions, you were not successful in the random allocation
- You moved house after the closing date for applications but, based on any evidence provided, this did not lead us to consider your application differently
- Your application was late.

How did my child end up with the school allocated?

The place allocated will either be one of your stated preferences or, if a place couldn't be offered at any of the schools you gave on your application form, it will be the nearest school to your home with a place available.

What can I do if I am unhappy with the decision?


You have a right to appeal against the decision to refuse your application for a school and can appeal for any school where a place has not been offered as long as it was named on your application form. Appeals are heard by an independent appeal panel and you can attend the appeal hearing if you so wish.

Please return your appeal form(s) to the appeals service by **14th May 2026**. You are entitled to an appeal after this deadline, but this could lead to delays in your case being heard.

Place your child on a waiting list - If you do not wish to appeal but would like to place your child on a waiting list, you should complete a waiting list application form. Children can be placed on a waiting list for any school that has not been offered but was named on the application form.

Request a change of allocation - East Sussex County Council can look into changing your child's allocated school provided the alternative school has vacancies. Please put your request in writing to the Admissions Team, giving the reasons and naming the school you wish to be considered. Such requests do not carry a right of appeal and may be subject to a delay in processing.

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