



Admissions Policy for Ratton School For the School Year 2020/21.

Introduction

The South Downs Learning Trust, formed by the merger of the Ratton School Academy Trust and Ocklynge School into a Multi Academy Trust is now responsible for Ratton School Admissions. The South Downs Learning Trust Board is the Admission authority for Ratton School.

All admission authorities are required to determine their admissions arrangements for the 2020/21 school year, regardless of whether they undertook consultation. This year Ratton School has decided to consult regarding a change to its Admission Policy. This change is detailed below:

The children of Ratton School staff are currently given a higher priority, this higher priority now refers to children of the South Downs Learning Trust staff.

These arrangements will be circulated after 28th February 2019 and appear on the East Sussex and school websites by 15th March 2019 as required by current Regulations.

Any persons wishing to object to these admission arrangements should write to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator at the following address:

Office of the Schools Adjudicator,
Mowden Hall,
Staindrop Road
Darlington
DL3 9BG

Tel: 01325 735303

Email: osa.team@osa.gsi.gov.uk

Any objections must be made by 15th May 2019

1. Admission Number

There is no proposed change to the admission number. The Governors intend to admit a maximum of 243 pupils to Year 7 in September 2020.

2. Application process

Main Round

Applications, for the Sept 2020 intake for the Academic year 2020/21 must be made using the County Council's application procedure. Parents can apply online at www.eastsussex.gov.uk, or a paper form is available from the Local authority Admissions and Transport Team.

The closing date for Year 7 applications is 31 October 2019.

In Year

Applications for in-year admissions for the academic year 2020-21, can either be made directly to Ratton School or through the Local Authority website.

3. Late Applications

Any main round application that arrives after the closing date of 31st October 2019 for entry in September 2020 will be dealt with after the main allocations have been made. These late applications will be placed on the waiting list for Year 7. At this point the oversubscription criterion apply and the applicant at the top of the waiting list will be offered a place should one become available.

4. Oversubscription Criteria.

If there are more applications than places available at the school, the criteria below will be used to determine which children are offered the available spaces, and will be applied in the following order of priority:

1. Looked After Children and Adopted Children.

Looked After and adopted children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following being looked after.

2. Children who will have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission.

Children are siblings if they are full, half, adoptive, foster or step brother or sister living in the same household.

3. Children of staff working for the South Downs Learning Trust

Priority will be given to the children of contracted, paid staff working for the South Downs Learning Trust where the member of staff has been employed at the school for at least 2 years prior to the application for admission being made or, where a member of staff has been recruited to fill a vacant post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

4. Children living within the pre-defined community area.

Each home address in the county falls within a community area although living in a community area does not guarantee a place can be allocated.

5. Children living outside the pre-defined area.

Tiebreaker

If there are more children who qualify under an oversubscription criterion than places available, place allocation will be decided by prioritising applications on the basis of home to school distance measured in a straight line. In the event that applicants cannot be prioritised using the tiebreaker above because the distance measurements are the same, the Authority will use random allocation to decide which children will be offered the remaining places. This will be done electronically using the Local Authority's admissions software.

Twins/Children from Multiple Births.

Where the admission of twins, or all siblings from a multiple birth would cause the school to rise above its Planned Admission Number, these twins or, all of the siblings will be admitted.

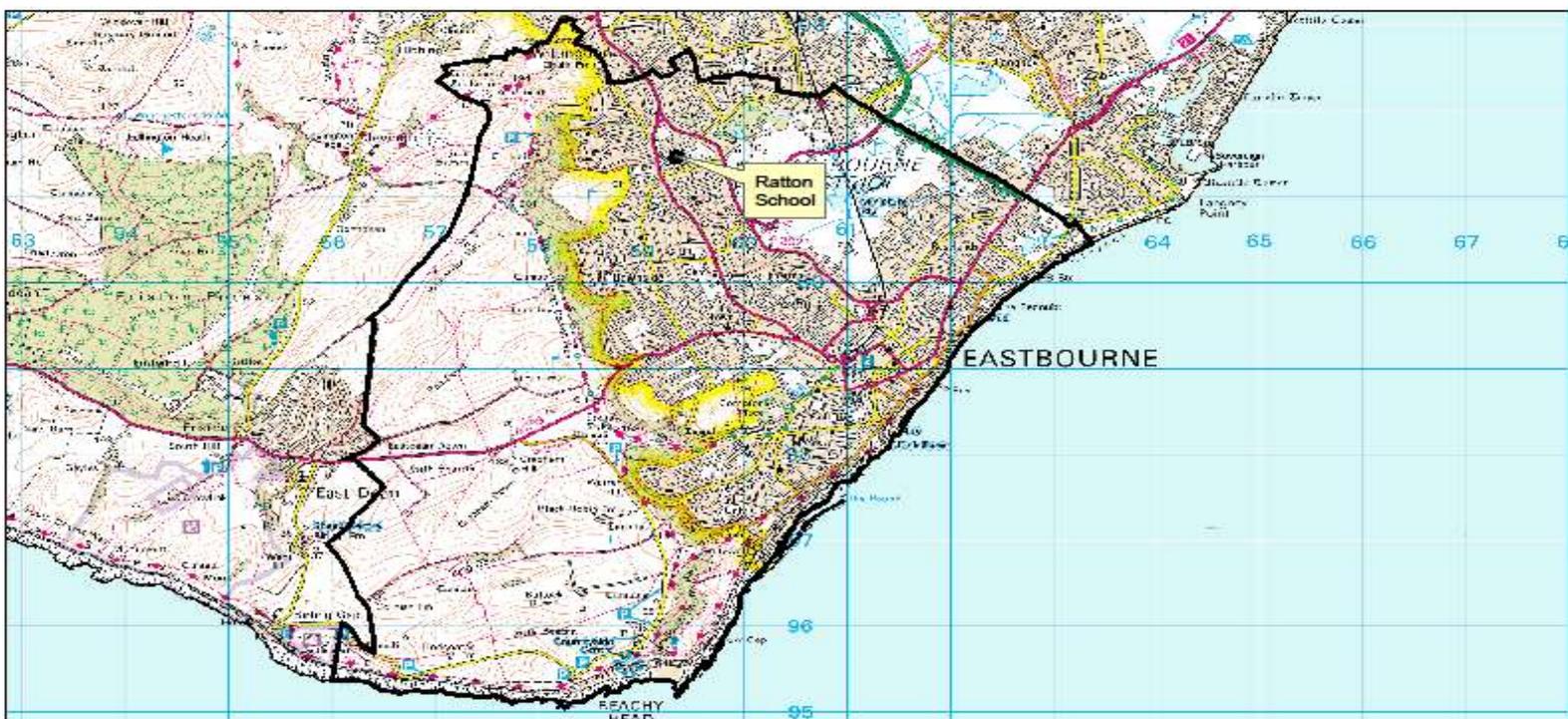
5. Defined Community Area.

The current community area for the school is attached and will be used to prioritise children who do not qualify under criteria 1-3 shown above. There are no proposed changes to the community area

6. Waiting Lists.

Details of any unsuccessful applicants will be held on a waiting list, which will be kept in the order of the oversubscription criteria above. This will be held until the end of the Autumn Term when the list will be cleared. After this time, any applicant wishing to join a waiting list will need to reapply.

Ratton Community Area



East Sussex County Council	Ratton School community area	
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