

Thorpepark Admission Criteria

The criteria for admission to Thorpepark are:

1. Children in public care at the time when preferences are expressed, and those who have been previously looked after, (see note (iv))
2. Being resident in the catchment area of the school (see note (i))
3. Having a brother or sister who will be attending the school at the expected time of admission (see note (ii) below)
4. Having attended both of the school's Early Years settings, Little Jumping Beans and Jumping Beans (see (v))
5. Geographical, with priority given to those living nearest to the school (see notes (i) and (iii) below)

Although Thorpepark is an academy and the governing body is the admissions authority, the Local Authority (Hull City Council) continues to be responsible for co-ordinating all admissions and making offers of places.

(i) Residence is defined as the normal family address where the child resides. Where parents live at separate addresses and have joint custody, the address used will be the one where the child spends the main part of the school week. Childcare arrangements involving relatives' addresses do not qualify as normal family addresses for this purpose unless there is a court Residence Order in place.

(ii) Brothers and sisters include children with the same natural parents living at the same address children with the same natural parents living at different addresses (eg due to separation of natural parents) half- brothers/sisters living at the same address step – brothers/sisters living at the same address - children living as part of the same family unit with their parents/guardians at the same address.

(iii) The measurement of distance is the shortest available safe route for pedestrians along footpaths, using footpaths alongside roads marked on the current street map of the City. Front entrance of home property (residence) to main entrance of school site is used.

The Authority will use Routefinder, a computer mapping system, to make measurements.

(iv) The highest priority must be given to looked after children and children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order. Further references to previously looked after children in the Code means children who were adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after.

(v) This criterion is restricted to a child who has attended both settings for a minimum of one term in Little Jumping Beans and three terms in Jumping Beans with attendance of 80% in Little Jumping Beans and 85% in Jumping Beans. Attendance at Jumping Beans (nursery) must include the last term before beginning statutory schooling.