

ADMISSION APPEAL FOR YEAR R IN SEPTEMBER 2023

BREACH – MAIN ROUND	
Name of School Appealing for: Hilltop Primary Academy	
Published Admissions Number: 60	Number of applications received: 189

Places offered on 17 th April 2023	
Nearness of children's home to school (distance)	39
All other categories of oversubscription criteria	21
Total number of pupils offered a place	60

Distance of last child offered a place (metres)	2505.79 metres
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Infant Class Size Legislation Appeals
<p>An Independent Appeal Panel must consider all the following matters when considering an appeal that would cause a breach of infant class size legislation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. whether the admission of an additional child/additional children would breach the infant class limit; andb. whether the admission arrangements (including the area's co-ordinated admission arrangements) complied with the mandatory requirements of the School Admissions Code and Part 3 of the School Admissions Code Part 3 of the SSFA Act 1998; andc. whether the admission arrangements were correctly and impartially applied in the case(s) in question; andd. whether the decision to refuse admission was one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case. <p>The Independent Appeal Panel may uphold the appeal where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. it finds that the admission of additional children would not breach the infant class size limit; orb. it finds that the admission arrangements did not comply with admissions law or had not been correctly and impartially applied and the child would have been offered a place if the arrangements had complied or had been correctly and impartially applied; orc. where it decides that the decision to refuse admission was not one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case. <p>I can confirm that none of the above points apply and that to admit additional pupils will breach the infant class size legislation.</p>

As these classes are already at the legal ratio (30 in each class) and classroom sizes are on the small side an additional child would cause further detrimental effect. There is not enough space for additional bags, coats wellies, resources etc that a Year R requires. Since September 2014, and the introduction of Universal Free School Meals, lunchtimes in Foundation Stage have had to be brought forward to ensure they all receive their hot dinner. Allowing more children into school and taking us over our PAN would create greater constraints on these arrangements. Resources/books need to be shared rather than one each as classes become oversized. We would have to buy additional furniture that has not been budgeted for due to being oversubscribed and having no additional

furniture available. An additional child will impact on the teacher's workload i.e record keeping and assessment of individual children is a vital part of a class teacher's role. An extra child in a class places an extra burden on the teacher which means they have less time to give individual children the attention they need.

Please be advised that each parent who lodges an appeal will have a personalised defence statement forwarded to them as part of their case papers.