

# Admissions Policy – Simonside Primary



We currently have places available in each year group at Simonside so please contact us if you would like to visit with your child.

The LA will send you a preference form in September which you must fill in and return it either to your first choice school or to the LA at South Shields. You can if you wish apply online at the South Tyneside website

<http://www.southtyneside.info/article/8105/School-admissions>

Parents wishing their child to attend Simonside School should contact the head teacher at the earliest opportunity, when the child's name will be entered in the Admissions Book. This applies equally to children attending St. Mary's Nursery. Parents of children, who have not attended school before, will be asked to show the child's birth certificate to verify entry qualification. Children are admitted during the school year in which they will be five before 31<sup>st</sup> August. Apart from birth date the chief entry qualification will be residence within the catchment area of the school, providing the maximum admission number of 45 pupils per year is not exceeded. After that each case will be treated on an individual basis. Children will be placed in an appropriate year group, according to need and resources.

In the case of over-subscription the following criteria will be applied: -

1. Parental residence within the defined neighbourhood area of the school.
1. Concurrent sibling links (i.e. brothers or sisters currently at the school).
1. Proximity of home residence to neighbourhood area.
1. Medical considerations.
1. Lone parent family.
1. Lunchtime arrangements.

If a child is refused entry in to school the parents have the right to appeal to the Director of Education at South Shields Town Hall.