



## **GREENSTONE PRIMARY**

Lionheart Educational Trust

### **Admission arrangements for Greenstone Primary School for the 2025-2026 school year**

For entry in August 2025 and in-year from August 2025. The admission authority is Lionheart Educational Trust.

The Trust is also responsible for arranging an independent appeal against refusal of a place at the school. The Trust has appointed the Local Authority (LA) to manage its Admissions on behalf of the Trust.

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that places at Greenstone Primary School are allocated and offered in an open and fair way.

### **Published Admission number (PAN)**

The school has an admission number of **30 pupils** for **EYFS**. It will admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. If fewer than **30** applications are received, all applicants will be offered a place.

### **Infant Class Sizes**

Infant Classes (Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2) must not exceed 30 children per teacher (as defined by the section 4 of the School Standards & Framework Act 1998). Applications for year groups which would cause that number to be exceeded will be refused. That includes where admission would cause the infant class size limit to be breached in the future or any in-year applications which would cause any class size to exceed 30.

Please note: The infant class size rules allow schools to exceed the limit of 30 pupils per teacher when children from a multiple birth are tied for the final place.

### **Application process**

A parent can apply for a place for their child at any state-funded school in any area. Parents apply to the local authority in which they live for a place at Lionheart Educational Trust Academies and any other preferred schools.

For standard entry in August to Greenstone Primary, the annual closing date is 15 January for a place the following academic year (see below for in year applications).

Offers will be made on 16 April. If Lionheart Educational trust has not signed a funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education by that date, offers will be conditional and will be confirmed once the funding agreement has been signed.

### **Oversubscription criteria**

The academy trust will admit any pupil with an Education, Health and Care plan which names the school. Priority will then be given to children who meet the criteria set out below, in order.

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children
2. Siblings of pupils attending the school at the time the application is received.
3. Children living closest to the school. Pupils living nearest to the school measured in a straight-line distance (home to school front gate).

### **Tie-break**

If two or more applicants live an equal distance from the school, random allocation will be used to determine which child will be offered a place. Leicestershire Local Authority will conduct the random allocation.

Random allocation will not be used if siblings from a multiple birth (twins, triplets etc.) are tied for a place. They will all be offered a place and we will exceed our admission number.

### **Delayed admission to reception**

Parents who are offered a place for their child in EYFS defer the date they are admitted, or arrange for them to attend part-time, until they reach compulsory school age. Places cannot be deferred beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made.

Children reach compulsory school age on the prescribed day following their fifth birthday, or on their fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day. The prescribed days are 31 August, 31 December and 31 March.

### **Admission of children outside their normal age group**

Parents may request their child is admitted outside their normal age group. Parents who wish to do so should include a request with their application, specifying the year group to which they wish their child to be admitted and why they believe it would be in their best interests. The academy trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the child's best interests, taking into account the views of the headteacher and any information provided by the parent.

### **Children of UK service personnel (UK Armed Forces)**

For families of service personnel with a confirmed posting to this area, the Trust academies will:

- Allocate a place in advance, if accompanied by an official government letter which declares a relocation date and a Unit postal address or quartering area address for considering the application against the oversubscription criteria.
- Ensure that arrangements support the Government's commitment to removing disadvantage for service children.

### **Children from overseas**

Lionheart Educational Trust will treat applications for children coming from overseas in accordance with European Union law or Home Office rules for non-European Economic Area nationals.

### **In year applications**

Lionheart Educational Trust have appointed the Local Authority (LA) as our Admissions Consultants who will, on receipt of an in-year application, manage the Trust's In Year application process. Any In year applications should be made via the LA online application system:

- Allocate a place if one is available.

- Inform parents of their right to appeal against the refusal of a place.

### **Waiting list**

The school will maintain a waiting list for EYFS until 31 December 2025. A parent whose application was unsuccessful may ask for their child's name to be added to the waiting list. Where places become available, they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

### **Appeals**

Applicants who are refused a place at the school will be able to appeal to an independent appeal panel. Details of this process and the appropriate time line can be found at:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/apply-for-a-school-place/appealing-a-school-place-decision>

### **Notes**

#### **Looked after children**

Children in the care of a local authority as set out in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.

#### **Previously looked after children**

Children who were in the care of a local authority as set out in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 but ceased to be so as a result of adoption, a child arrangement order or special guardianship order. Also, children who appear to the academy trust to have been in state care outside England and ceased to be so because they were adopted.

### **Siblings**

A sibling is:

- a natural brother or sister, or half brother or sister
- a legally adopted brother or sister, or half-brother or sister
- a stepbrother or sister
- other child living in the same household as part of the same family

where they are living at the same address as the applicant on the date of the application.

### **Home address**

A child's home is the place where they normally live. Where a child's parents do not live together and the child spends part of the week with each parent, their home address will be the address at which they spend most nights from Sunday to Thursday during term time. Proof of home address may be requested during the admissions process.