

# Education in Garforth

## Current Situation

Garforth currently has five primary schools / academies, all of which have a school based nursery provision, and one secondary academy, which has a post 16 provision. Details of their current intake and numbers on roll are in the table below.

### **Primary Education**

| Name of School / Academy         | Annual Pupil Admission No (PAN) | Capacity | No on Roll Sept 2015 | Nursery Pupil Admission No (PAN) | Expected Nursery Pupils on roll Oct 15 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| East Garforth Primary Academy    | 40                              | 320      | 258                  | 26                               | 17                                     |
| Green Lane Primary Academy       | 60                              | 420      | 402                  | 52                               | 34                                     |
| Ninelands Primary School         | 60                              | 420      | 419                  | 52                               | 52                                     |
| St Benedict's RC Primary School  | 30                              | 210      | 214                  | 30                               | 30                                     |
| Strawberry Fields Primary School | 45                              | 315      | 305                  | 52                               | 32                                     |

### **Secondary Education**

| Name of School / Academy | Annual Pupil Admission No (PAN) | Capacity | No on Roll Sept 2015 | Post 16 Admission No (PAN) | Expected Post 16 pupils on roll Oct 15 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|----------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Garforth Academy         | 300                             | 1500     | 1508                 | 300                        | 445                                    |

## Lack of Reception places in Garforth – September 2016

Leeds City Council has recently approached all primary schools and academies in Garforth, as their data shows that in September 2016, there will be a shortfall of places for children in the town by 15 places. The schools and academies are being asked to consider if they can take additional pupils into their settings to fill this gap. The schools and academies in Garforth are currently in discussion with Leeds City Council Capacity Planning, as to how this gap can be catered for, so that all children in Garforth will attend a Garforth Primary School or Academy.

## Leeds City Council proposals for site 1232B

In December 2014, Lesley Savage, Capacity Planning and Sufficiency Lead for Leeds City Council, provided a report to the Leeds City Council Development Plan Panel with regards to what the implications may be should site 1232B be developed, as indicated in the LCC Consultation.

It was proposed that should development of the site go ahead, there would be a need for an additional 840 primary school places and an additional 600 secondary school places.

Leeds City Council have suggested that this would be accommodated by building a new 2 form entry (420 places) primary school or academy as well as a new through school or academy (primary and secondary combined) which would have 2 form entry primary (420 places) and 4 form entry secondary (600 places).

LCC Capacity Planning feels that the above would be sufficient to meet the growing demand due to the development of site 1232B. As well as the additional demand from surrounding villages, should development go ahead there as well.

# Current Admissions procedures and criteria

## Nursery Admissions

If a parent would like to apply for a place within as nursery in the Garforth primary schools / academies, they do so through the Shared Nursery Admissions Officer, Julie Kirkpatrick. A copy of the policy and procedure can be obtained from any of the schools or via their websites.

If the number of applications does not exceed the number of places available, all applicants with a first preference for that nursery will be granted a place there. Should more applications be received than places available, then the following oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places.

Criteria 1 - Children with Special Educational Needs who may have a statement

Criteria 2 – Children who are fostered or looked after under an arrangement of a local authority

Criteria 3 – Children with brothers or sisters who will be on roll at the chosen nursery or school at the start of the term when the nursery child would start

Criteria 4 – Children for whom the preferred nursery is the nearest

Criteria 5 – Any other children

## Primary School / Academy Admissions

All the primary schools and academies in Garforth use the current Leeds City Council Admission procedure.

Children with special educational needs, looked after children or children fostered under an arrangement made by the local authority, will be allocated a place in the school / academy that has been preferred by their parent or carer.

Places are then allocated on the priorities detailed below.

Priority 1 – Children with Brothers or Sisters who will be at the school / academy at the start of the academic year.

Priority 2 – The schools / academies will then consider applications as follows

- If there are enough places for everyone who has applied, they will be offered a place at their preferred establishment
- If we have more applications than places, then the children who have the school / academy as their nearest school measured in a straight line
- Then places will be offered to other children living closest to the school / academy measured in a straight line, where the school / academy is not their nearest

**Further information can be found at each school / academy websites**

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| East Garforth Primary Academy –    | <a href="http://www.egpa.org.uk">www.egpa.org.uk</a>                     |
| Green Lane Primary Academy –       | <a href="http://www.glpa.org.uk">www.glpa.org.uk</a>                     |
| Ninlands Primary School -          | <a href="http://www.ninlands-school.co.uk">www.ninlands-school.co.uk</a> |
| Strawberry Fields Primary School - | <a href="http://www.sfpsch.org.uk">www.sfpsch.org.uk</a>                 |

## **Secondary Academy Admissions**

Garforth Academy currently uses the current Leeds City Council Admission procedures as part of a co-ordinated scheme with the local authority.

Allocation of places - Children with special educational needs, looked after children or children fostered under an arrangement made by the local authority, will be allocated a place in the school / academy that has been preferred by their parent or carer.

If the number of applications does not exceed the number of places available, all applicants will be granted a place at the academy.

If there are more applications than places (oversubscription), the following oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places:

Criteria 1 - Children with special educational needs, looked after children or children fostered under an arrangement made by the local authority

Criteria 2 – Children with older brothers or sisters who will be on roll in Years 7 – 11 at Garforth Academy at the start of academic year

Criteria 3 – Children, who at the time of application, are on roll at the following primary schools / academies  
-Aberford CofE Primary School, East Garforth Primary Academy, Green Lane Primary Academy,  
Micklefield CofE Primary School, Ninelands Primary School and Strawberry Fields Primary School

Criteria 4 – Children who do not qualify under criteria 1-3, but for whom Garforth Academy is the nearest high school

Criteria 5 – Any other children

## **Garforth Academy Post 16 Admissions Procedure**

The Garforth Academy Post 16 admission policy has been ratified by Leeds City Council and the Schools Adjudicator. Where there are more applications than places, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied.

Criteria 1 – Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children

Criteria 2 – Students on roll in Year 11 at Garforth Academy applying for a place in Year 12 for the following September

Criteria 3 – Students who at the time of application are on roll at The South Leeds Academy

Criteria 4 – Students living nearest to the Academy who meet the course requirements

**Further information can be found on the Garforth Academy website – [www.garforthacademy.org.uk](http://www.garforthacademy.org.uk)**