



## **Admission Arrangements for Settlebeck School for September 2018.**

Settlebeck School is a successful comprehensive school, serving Sedbergh and a large surrounding rural area. Students achieve highly in their examinations at 16.

The school has set a Published Admission Number of 44 for September 2018.

Admission arrangements will follow those of Cumbria LA in so far as use of the Cumbria LA application form, preference arrangements and application deadlines are concerned. For September 2018 transfers, these forms will be distributed to all County Primary and Junior schools with a deadline for return of October 2017. The forms will explain how parents apply, how they express their preferences and the specific deadlines which they need to abide by.

Admission criteria, which will be applied to all applications for a place at Settlebeck School if applications exceed the Published Admission Number, are, in order:

1. Looked after and previously looked after children. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.
2. Children whose sibling attends Settlebeck School, with priority given to those with the youngest siblings.
3. Children living in the catchment areas of Sedbergh, Dent, Hawes, Grayrigg CE, Old Hutton CE and Tebay Primary Schools. Where there are more applicants than places available, distance will act as a determining factor. The distance is measured from the child's home front door to the main entrance door to the school. Distance will be calculated using AA AutoRoute.
4. Children from the catchment areas of other schools in the surrounding area. Where there are more applicants than places available, distance will act as a determining factor. The distance is measured from the child's home front door to the main entrance door to the school. Distance will be calculated using AA AutoRoute.

### **LA transport:**

#### ***“LA statement on entitlement to free home-to-school transport.***

Parents/carers of children aged 5 – 16 years are responsible for ensuring their child's attendance at school. This means that parents/carers are responsible for their child's transport arrangements.

However, if you live further away than the statutory walking distance from your catchment or nearest qualifying school or you fall within the “low income group” transport arrangements are the County Council's responsibility for children up to age 16. Such transport is free.

The statutory walking distance is 2 miles for children aged under eight and 3 miles for children aged eight or over. This is defined as the distance measured by the nearest available walking route. For a route to be available, it must be one which a child, accompanied by an adult, could be expected to walk with reasonable safety.

If your child is in school years Reception to Year 11, you live under the statutory walking distance and you consider all routes to school to be unsafe walking routes, you may ask for them to be

assessed. Route reviews are undertaken on a regular basis. Should transport be given on route safety grounds and it becomes safe at a later date, transport will be rescinded.

Transport can only be provided from one address which should be the child's main residence. In the case of a child having more than one address the one which receives the child benefit will be considered the main residence.

Distance measurements to determine entitlement will be undertaken using the Local Authority's computerised Geographical Information System (GIS) and will be to the nearest entrance on the school site which is available at the time of undertaking the assessment of your application form.

Entitlement to free transport is linked to your catchment or nearest qualifying school. Children from your area may be attending a school which is not the catchment school. To check in which school's catchment area you live, contact the School Admissions Team on 01228 221582.

It must be stressed that it is the catchment area designated by Cumbria County Council which will be used to determine transport entitlement. For community and voluntary controlled schools, the catchment area for deciding priority for admission and assessing transport entitlement will always be the same. For a small number of academies, foundation schools and voluntary aided schools, the admissions policy may include reference to a catchment area which is different to the one designated by the Authority for school transport purposes.

### **Private transport:**

Private transport is available from Kendal to Settlebeck School. Please contact school for details.

### **Special Needs**

Settlebeck School is designated as a school with strategic facilities to cater for children with special educational needs in the area of Autistic Spectrum conditions.

If the school is oversubscribed, applications will be prioritised according to the criteria explained above. In addition, the Admission Authority for Settlebeck School will maintain a waiting list for the reallocation of any places that become available after March 2014, ranking children in the same order as the published oversubscription criteria.

However, an exception will be made where, under the LA's arrangements for the education of children with special needs, a child holds a statement of SEN or is currently being assessed and has been identified as having an autistic spectrum condition, and it is considered that attendance at Settlebeck School is necessary to meet those needs. Such an exceptional admission would be subject to the maximum limit of 6 at any one time (and to the limit of 2 in any one year group).

For further information and information on admissions other than in Year 7, please contact Christine Kendal on 015396 20383 or email [kendalc@settlebeck.org](mailto:kendalc@settlebeck.org)