

## **Middlestown Junior & Infant School**

### **Admission of Pupils with Special Educational Needs and Fair Access Protocol**

Children with an Education and Healthcare Plan (EHP) or Statement of Educational Needs are dealt with under a different mechanism from the normal admissions process. Any child with a school named on the EHP will automatically gain a place at the school named in the plan. Any child with an EHP who is admitted to a mainstream community / voluntary controlled school will be counted against that school's admission number.

Special Educational Needs is a term used if a child has difficulty accessing the curriculum, which may mean that he/she may need to have some form of specialist provision made for them in order to learn. It may be a general learning difficulty, an emotional, behaviour, sensory or physical disability or it may be a difficulty related to communication or speech and language.

The Local Authority has agreed a Fair Access Protocol with its primary schools for in year admissions where there are concerns over pupils who have a complex range of personal and educational needs and who have the potential to present significant challenges to schools, in terms of their safety and well-being. This means that, in some circumstances, pupils defined in the Protocol will have a higher priority for admission to schools and / or year groups, which are already full, than all other pupils seeking admission to that school.

Further information can be found on the Local Authority Admissions Website.