

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS - SEPTEMBER 2026

INITIAL ALLOCATION STATEMENT FOR COMBE DOWN C OF E PRIMARY

PLACES AVAILABLE: 60

As Combe Down CofE Primary was oversubscribed it was necessary to use the Academy Trust's admissions criteria, as published in 'A Primary School for Your Child – 2026/27', to allocate the places available at the school. Applications for all schools are considered under an equal preference system which means that all preferences (1st, 2nd & 3rd) for each school are considered equally. If there are any cases where more than one of the school preferences named on the application form could have been met only the highest preference school has been allocated.

A total of **104 preferences** were originally received for Combe Down CofE Primary School which has an Admission Number of **60**.

If, under any of the categories listed, places were offered and refused, priority was given to those who live closest to the school as measured in a direct line between the home address and the school.

How the initial allocation of places was made for this school:

0 places have been offered to children with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school has been named in their plan.

Category 1 - Looked after children or previously looked after children. **2 Children.**

Category 2 - Children with a sibling at the time of admission. **22 Children.**

Category 3 - Children of staff at the school, in either or both of the following circumstances: **0 Children.**

a) Where the member of staff* has been employed by the school for two or more years at the time of application, and/or

b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Category 4 - Children not satisfying a higher criterion – Proximity. **36 Children.** The furthest direct line distance between the preferred school and the home address offered in this category was **2.364 miles.**

3 children in total have initially been refused a place at Combe Down CofE Primary. (All other preferences originally considered have qualified for another school as a higher preference)

CLASS SIZE PREJUDICE APPEALS – Effects of Infant Class Size Legislation:

Appeals for Combe Down CofE Primary will be heard on the basis of Infant Class Size Prejudice as the school will organise with two Reception Classes each containing 30 pupils with one full- time qualified teacher (or equivalent of).

Please Note: If you decide to lodge a formal appeal for a place at this particular school your initial notification of intent to appeal should be sent to your home local authority by **30 April 2026** and your letter of appeal for Combe Down CofE Primary should be sent by no later than **15 May 2026** by email to admissions_transport@bathnes.gov.uk or for those without this facility to the Postal Address at: Admissions & Transport, People & Communities Department, Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath, BA1 1JG.

Date of Statement 16 April 2026

Position as at 28 May 2026 following initial allocations on 16 April 2026

Following the initial allocations on 16 April 2026, **5** of the places originally offered have become available.

1 parent originally refused a place has lodged an appeal, **1** parent originally refused a place has opted to go on the waiting list only and **7** late applications were received.

These **9** children were considered for the **5** places available, and the places has been offered to:

1 child in **Category 2** - Children with a sibling at the time of admission

4 children In **Category 4** - Children not satisfying a higher criterion – Proximity. The furthest direct line distance between the preferred school and the home address offered in this category was 2.424 miles.

2 late applicant children in total have been refused a place at Combe Down CofE Primary. (All other preferences originally considered have qualified for another school as a higher preference)

Please Note: If you decide to lodge a formal appeal for a place at this particular school your initial notification of intent to appeal should be sent to your home local authority by **11 June 2026** and your letter of appeal for Combe Down CofE Primary should be sent by no later than **25 June 2026** by email to admissions_transport@bathnes.gov.uk or for those without this facility to the Postal Address at: Admissions & Transport, People & Communities Department, Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath, BA1 1JG

Date of Statement 28 May 2026