

Admissions criteria for places if the Academy is oversubscribed - academic year 2014/2015 and 2015/2016

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Admission arrangements and criteria 2014-15 and 2015-16

The academy will comply with all relevant provisions of the Department for Education’s School Admissions Code of Practice 2012 (“the Admissions Code”) the School Admission Appeals Code of Practice 2012 (“the Appeals Code”) and the law on admissions. The academy will, through The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust (TEFAT), consult as may be required and/or necessary. Reference in the Codes to admission authorities shall be deemed to be references to The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust , the powers and functions of which may be delegated to the local governing body of the Academy.

All academies in the TEFAT network participate in the co-ordinated admission arrangements administered by the local authority in the relevant geographical location and in respect of other arrangements specified in the Admissions Code.

Applications for admission to the Academy should therefore be made to the local authority admissions section.

Admission Appeals should also, in the first instance, be made to the local authority admissions section.

For general information about school admissions and admission appeals please look at the Council website.

Admission criteria

1. Children who are in public care and children who were previously in public care but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
2. Children with a particular medical condition. Applications submitted under this criterion must be accompanied by a medical declaration form (ASU75M) signed by the child's general practitioner or consultant confirming the condition, detailing the child's needs and specifying why, in their opinion, the preferred school is the only or most appropriate to meet the child's needs. All applications under this criterion will be assessed by the local authority to decide whether the child's need's can be met most appropriately by the preferred school.
3. Children having a brother or sister at the preferred school (not nursery) at the time of admission.
4. Children prioritised by distance measured in a straight line from a child's home* to the school's main entrance (as determined by the head teacher).

In all cases, should the number of applicants exceed the number of places available, places will be allocated on the basis of distance between home and school, as measured in a straight line from home to the main entrance to the school with priority being given to those living closest to the school.

NB. Children with statements of special needs, naming a particular school will be admitted before all other applicants.

Note:

* Measured from the ordnance survey address point for the property. In all cases, should the number of applicants exceed the number of places available, places will be allocated on the basis of distance between home and school, as measured in a straight line from home to the main entrance to the school building with priority being given to those living closest to the preferred school.

Additional arrangements for year of entry admissions 2015/2016

The following additional policy statements are included in the local authority admission arrangements for admissions to community and controlled primary and secondary schools for 2015/2016.

1. Late applications

Late applications for places will only be considered alongside those received by the closing date under the following circumstances:

- When the applicant has bought, rented or leased a house or flat and has moved into Sandwell after the closing date, but before the allocation of places has been made.
- When the applicant has moved home within Sandwell to an address more than three miles from their previous address but closer to the preferred school after the closing date but before the allocation of places has been made.
- When a child who is in public care (looked after) or was previously in public care moves into Sandwell after the closing date, but before the allocation of places has been made.
- When a sibling has commenced at the preferred school after the closing date but before the allocation of places has been made.
- When the applicant is a single parent and was prevented from submitting their application on time due to long term illness of more than six weeks duration from the date on which application forms became available.

2. Waiting lists

Places will be offered initially to applicants whose forms have been received by the closing date or whose application has been considered as being made on time (under 1 above).

Any preferences which cannot be met following the application of the admission priorities together with any late requests which have been made and which the local authority does not consider as being late for a good reason will be put on a waiting list which will be ranked in accordance with the published admission priorities.

Waiting lists will be maintained until the end of the autumn term preceding the year of entry and will then be discarded.

Places will only be offered from the waiting list in the event that the number of confirmed offers (including those offered as a result of independent appeals) is less than the published admission number.

3. Further applications in the same academic year

The Academy will only consider more than one application in the same academic year if one or more of the following significant changes apply:

- (a) The child becomes looked after by the local authority;
- (b) The child has a medical condition which was not present when the previous application was considered;
- (c) The child's brother or sister has been admitted to the school for which the application has been made and was not there at the time of the last application;
- (d) The applicant has changed address since the previous application was considered and the applicant now lives closer to the school for which the application was made;
- (e) A vacancy arises in the relevant year group.

4. Changing or adding new preferences

Once a parent/carer has submitted an application it will not be possible to amend an application unless they meet the criteria to be considered as a "late" application (in 1 above).

5. Twins and multiple births

Special conditions will apply in the event that one child from a set of twins or other multiple births does not gain admission to the preferred school through the admissions criteria. The local authority will exceed the admission number for the school concerned to prevent separation of twins or children from multiple births.

6. Tie breaker

In the event that two or more applicants tie for last place during the allocation process the final place shall be decided by the tossing of a coin.

Definitions used in admissions administration

1. Brother and sister

The definition of a brother or sister is:

- (a) a brother or sister sharing the same parents*;
- (b) a half brother or half sister, where two children share one common parent*;
- (c) a step brother or step sister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage*;
- (d) adopted or fostered children*,
*and living at the same address;
- (e) children of unmarried parents and living at the same address.

It does not include:

- (a) cousins or other family relationships;
- (b) brothers or sisters who, at 1 September in the year of entry will not be registered pupils at the preferred school (not including nursery);
- (c) brothers or sisters who, at 1 September in the year of entry will be in the sixth form at the preferred school.

2. Children in Public Care

A child in public care means a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time an application is made.

An adoption order is an order under section 46 of the Adoptions and Children Act 2002.

A residence order is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under section 8 of the Children Act 1989.

Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a special guardianship order as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

3. Home address

The home address of a child is the address at which a parent with parental responsibility lives. It may also be the address at which a child resides (and sleeps) for the majority of the school week (Sunday to Thursday night).

4. Armed Forces Children

Sandwell Local Authority understands that families of UK Service personnel often have to move at short notice within the UK and from abroad. If we receive a mid year application along with an official letter declaring a relocation date, then we will be able to arrange a school place in advance of the relocation. Please contact the Admission Team on 0121 569 6765 for further information.