

Admissions Arrangements 2017- 2018

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ADMISSIONS OF PUPILS TO ALL ACADEMIES WITHIN THE ENQUIRE LEARNING TRUST.

2017 - 2018

The Governors welcome applications from parents who fully subscribe to our ethos and are prepared to support us in our drive for ever improving standards.

Whichever, as a non-selective and inclusive Academy. The school welcomes children regardless of their aptitude or prior attainment.

The Board of the Multi Academy Trust is the Admissions Authority with the Local Governing Body responsible for the administration of the admission arrangements. The Trustees remain responsible for any appeals.

If the number of applications for places at the Academy is greater than the admission number set for that year group, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below. After the admission of children with statements of special educational needs/Education Health Care Plan (EHCP), where the Academy is named in part IV of the statement/recorded in the Plan, we will use the following factors in priority order to decide which students will be given places:

1. Looked after children (children in public care), or previously looked after children.
2. Pupils with brothers or sisters who are already or have been at the Academy
3. Pupils whose main residence is within the catchment area.
4. Attending a Early Year Provision which is a member of The Enquire Learning Trust
5. Children of staff employed by the Multi Academy Trust.
6. Proximity to the Academy.

Criterion 6 may be used as a tie-breaker.

Definitions of terms used in the admission arrangements

Notes: Children who have a statement of special education needs where the Academy is named in Part IV of the statement/recorded in the Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)

Those children will have undergone a statutory assessment of their special educational needs. Where an academy is named in the statement/recorded in the EHCP, the academy must admit the child.

1. Looked after children

The definition of a 'looked after child' is a person under the age of 18 who is provided with accommodation by a local authority, acting in its social services capacity, for a continuous period of more than 24 hours, by agreement with the parents or in accordance with section 22 of the Children's Act 1989. Previously looked after refers to those children who immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption order, child arrangements order (under the provisions of the Children and Families Act 2014), or specialist guardianship order (under Section 14A of the

Children Act 1989). Children looked after under an agreed series of short term placements (respite care) are excluded.

2. Rules for Siblings

Included in this factor are stepbrothers and sisters and half-brothers and sisters living at the same address and who will be attending the Academy at the expected time of admission.

The special cases of twins and triplets will be referred to the allocation panel if one is eligible for a place and other(s) is/are not. Generally the eldest will be given the place if a choice has to be made.

A sibling of a former student of whichever Academy or its predecessor school is eligible. Names of former students will be verified on the Academy SIMS or the Local Authority database.

3. Rules for Residence

We have the right to investigate whether you live at the address you say you do and we may change any offer if incorrect information has been given.

4. Rules for Early Year Provision

A child must be attending an Enquire Learning Trust Early Years setting at the time of application or another setting which is a member of the Multi Academy Trust.

5. Children of staff at the Academy

Either (a) where a member of staff has been employed by the Multi Academy Trust for two or more years at the time the application for admission is made.

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

6. Distance

Distance will be measured by the shortest walking route from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the Academy, using the local authority computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the Academy receiving the higher priority.

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[Appeals against a decision not to admit a child to the Academy](#)

Parents have a legal right to appeal against a decision not to admit a child to the Academy. The Academy will be happy to provide information about this on request.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

In reference to paragraph 2.17 of the School Admissions Code, if a parent requests their child to be admitted outside of their normal age group, the admissions authority will decide on the basis of the circumstances provided.

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