

The Warwick School

GOVERNORS POLICY OF ADMISSIONS

The Governors have adopted the Local Education Authority's policy on admissions, the current version of which has been published as follows:

A) **First Priority: Looked After Children**

Children who are registered as being in the care of a local authority (for example, fostered or living in a Children's Home)

Second Priority: Exceptional Arrangements:

Occasionally there will be a very small number of children for whom exceptional circumstances will apply which will warrant a placement at a particular school. Evidence from a consultant doctor will be required for medical cases. Documentary evidence from any relevant support services will be required for other sensitive family circumstances. This evidence should set out why the child should attend a particular school. Places may be allocated under this criterion when places are first offered at a school and the Local Authority may also ask schools to admit over their Published Admission Number at other times under this criterion

Third Priority: Siblings

A sibling will be considered to be a brother or sister (that is, another child of the same parents, whether living at the same address or not), a half-brother or half-sister or a step-brother or step-sister or an adoptive or foster sibling, living at the same address. A child will be given sibling priority if they have a sibling at the school concerned at the time of the child's admission. For the initial intake to the school a child will be given priority for admission only if their sibling will still be at the school in the September following the application. This will apply both at the initial allocation of places and also when prioritising the waiting list. Giving sibling priority has the effect of maximising the opportunity for children in the same family to be educated at the same school or at a school on a shared or adjoining site.

Fourth Priority: Children for whom the school is the nearest to their home

The nearest school is defined as the school closest to their home address admitting students of the appropriate age range, as measured along roads and made up footpaths using the Admissions and Transport Team's Geographical Information System. The measurement for these purposes does not take into account the mode of transport used. The distance is measured from the address point of the students house as set by Ordnance Survey to the nearest gate available for students to use. Parents should note that if they apply for free transport different criteria apply and the distance from home to school may be measured using a different route.

Distance from Home to School, measured as above will apply within each category as a means of prioritising places.

Fifth Priority: Any other applicant

Remaining places will be offered on the basis of nearness to the school measured in a straight line from the address point of the pupil's house, as set by Ordnance Survey to the

nearest school gate for pupils to use. If there are two applicants from the same block of flats the applicant with the lowest door number or letter will be given priority.

Waiting Lists

For those students who do not obtain their preference the LA will operate a waiting list for the period of one academic year only. Waiting list places will, therefore, be allocated as follows should vacancies occur:

All first preferences according to the criteria listed below:

1. Looked-after children
2. Exceptional arrangements
3. Siblings
4. Non-siblings for whom it is the nearest school
5. Other applicants

Distance from home to school, measured along roads and made up footpaths using Surrey's Geographical Information System, will apply within each category as a way of prioritising places on the list. See Surrey's information on school admissions and transfers document.

- B) If the school receives more applications than there are places available, priority would be given in the following order:

1. Looked-after children
2. Exceptional arrangements
3. Siblings
4. Non-siblings for whom it is the nearest school
5. Other applicants

Distance from home to school, measured along roads and made up footpaths using Surrey's Geographical Information System, will apply within each category as a way of prioritising places on the list. (See Surrey's information on school admissions and transfers document).