

OMBERSLEY ENDOWED FIRST SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL

When there are more applications than places children are admitted in the following order of priority:

i)

under the terms of the Children Act 1989 and children who were previously in the care of or accommodated by a Local Authority but immediately after being looked after, became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.

looked after children and all previously looked after children including those who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. Or such evidence that demonstrates a child was in state care outside of England prior to being adopted

ii) Siblings (see below for definition) of pupils attending the school **and** living within the **catchment** area of the school. In order to qualify for a place on the grounds of a sibling attending the school, the sibling must already be attending the school at the time of application or attended the school within the past three academic years. Copies of catchment area maps, if required are available from the LA, or can be viewed in schools.

In the event of a school catchment area change being approved, pupils who would still have a **sibling connection** (see below for definition) at the time of admission and who are living at the same address in the previous catchment area for a school, (but not within the revised catchment area), at the time the change was approved will be considered as living within the **catchment area**.

iii) Pupils living within the **catchment** area of the school. Copies of catchment area maps, if required are available from the LA, or can be viewed in school.

iv) Pupils living outside of the catchment area but who would still have a **sibling connection** (see below for definition) at school at the time of admission. In order to qualify for a place on the grounds of a sibling attending the school, the sibling must already be

- 1) Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. In addition, the parents of a summer born child may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group to reception rather than year 1. The Governing Body asks that the application form CA1 is completed and sent direct to the school along with

As part of the new Worcestershire Fair Access Protocol, incorporating the 'Hard to Place Protocol', all schools with Key Stage 2, 3 and 4 classes can be required to exceed the published admission number to admit pupils covered by the Protocol.

The Protocol must be consulted upon and developed in partnership with all schools in its area. Once the Protocol has been agreed by the majority of school in its area, all admission authorities must participate in it. Participation includes making available a representative who is authorised to participate in discussions, make decision on placing children via the Protocol, and admitting pupils when asked to do so in accordance with the Protocol, even when the school is full. Local authorities must provide admission authorities with reasonable notice and information as to how and when discussions around the placement of children via the Protocol will take place.

Decisions about admitting children under the Protocol can be made by one individual in an admission authority provided that suitable authority has been delegated to that individual. Admission authorities must ensure this process complies with relevant governance requirements.

-year application to any school for their child. Admission authorities must process these application in accordance with their usual in year admission procedures. They must not refuse to admit such children on the basis that they may be eligible to be placed via the Fair Access protocol. The parent will continue to have the right of appeal for any place they have been refused, even if the child has been offered a school place via the Fair Access Protocol.

admissions are considered. Fair Access Protocols should seek to place a child in a school that is appropriate to any particular needs that they may have.