



THE ORCHARDS SCHOOL

**ADMISSIONS POLICY
2024 - 2025**

APPROVED



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The Orchards School is an academy which takes children aged from 2 years -11 years. We welcome all pupils, irrespective of faiths, cultures, races, disabilities or family backgrounds. We admit our pupils in -line with the Equality Act 2010, School Admissions Code 2014, the School Admission Appeals Code 2012, Human Rights Act 1998 and the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all school places are allocated and offered in an open and fair way. The number of SODFHV DYDLODEOH LV GHWHUPLQHG E\ WKH FDSDFLW\ RI WKH VFKRRO QXPEHUR published admissions number (PAN) is 60.

- v This policy has due regard to the related statutory legislation, including but not limited to, the following: Equality Act 2010 , Human Rights Act 1998 , School Standards and Framework Act 1998
- v This policy also has due regard to statutory and non -statutory guidance, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - o DfE (2014) School Admissions Code
 - o DfE (2012) School Admissions Appeals Code

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Where an academy is to be closed, the LA must collaborate with all schools in the area to consider the best way to secure provision for children in other local schools.

The Orchards School is required to offer all pupils refused admission the right to an appeal in front of an independent appeals panel. We are responsible for setting up the appeal and must do so in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code. The panel must be