

Community and Controlled Schools First/Primary School Admissions Policy for 2025/26

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Admissions Criterion for Community and Voluntary Controlled First/Primary Schools:

1. **Children Looked after and previously Children Looked after** including those who appear to have been in state care outside of England;
2. **Catchment Area Siblings;**
3. **Catchment Area Children of Staff;**
4. **Catchment Area;**
5. **Out of Catchment Area Siblings;**
6. **Out of Catchment Area Children of Staff**
7. **Out of Catchment Area.**
8. **Distance**

In each criteria, children will be ranked in accordance with **Straight Line Distance**.

In accordance with legislation, a child with an Education, Health and Care Plan will be offered a place at the school named in the Plan, this will be prior to the allocation of any other places, wherever possible, and could reduce the number of places available.

Definitions

Children Looked after and previously Children Looked after, including those who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

Local Authority 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, a child arrangements order or special guardianship order and includes those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. By children previously in state care outside of England, we mean children who have been looked after outside of England by a public authority, a religious organisation or another provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. The care may have been provided in orphanages or other settings. Independent supporting evidence will be required to be provided with the application.

Catchment area

It is the school allocated to take children for the geographical area within which your address falls. It is likely to be the school nearest to your home address but this will not always be the case. **There is no guarantee you will be allocated a place at your catchment school.** Copies of catchment area maps, if required are

Siblings

A brother or sister of pupils attending 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 and still be attending at the time of admission.

The sibling connection, as well as brother and sister will include half-siblings, adopted children, step-siblings or a child of the parent/carers partner. They must also be living at the same home address. Children who are brought together as a family by a civil partnership and who are living at the same address, are also considered to be siblings.

Children of Staff

Children of

late applications, for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools within Worcestershire, within this time-frame, and treat them as being on time, only in the following circumstances;

- a) where a family have just moved address, (refer to Section 1 of the relevant Information for Parents book).
- b) where it is agreed by School Admissions, that individual circumstances apply and the delay was reasonable given the circumstances of the case.

5. Parents will be invited to state up to three preferences on the **CA1** for schools in priority

legally has to comply with the preferences expressed. If this is not the same, then parents will have to seek resolution and if necessary legal resolution. It may be necessary for the courts to determine which parent can make the final decision on schooling. Failure to ensure agreement prior to submission, may result in a delay in any application being processed.

When submitting your application, as part of the terms and conditions, you will be required to confirm that parents are in agreement with the preferences expressed, this will also apply if you wish to transfer in year. If it is subsequently determined that agreement was not made prior to the application being submitted, it could result in the withdrawal of the offer of a place, if it is determined that the information supplied was intentionally misleading or fraudulent.