

Admissions criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools (Secondary)

Children with a Statement of Educational Needs (SEN) that names a specific school must, by law, be admitted to that school. Any request for allocation of a place to a child who is in the care of the Local Authority or provided with accommodation in that authority in accordance with Section 20 or 37 of the Children's Act 1989 (Looked After Children), will be considered next. After these two requirements have been satisfied the following criteria will apply. They are set out in descending order of priority:

- (A) Children who live in the catchment area of the school (Details of each of the community school's catchment areas are in the Guide to Admissions.
- (B) Children who have strong medical or social grounds for admission. These reasons must be fully supported in writing from a professional person involved in the case, such as a doctor or social worker. This must show that the school requested is the only school that the child can attend because of the medical or social needs. All documents must be submitted with the Common Application Form or with a printed copy of the online form if completed online.
- (C) Children who have older brother(s) or sister(s) at the school when the applicant would enter. (see - Guide to Admissions for definition of sibling).
- (D) Children who attend a Primary school that is formally linked with the secondary school.
- (E) Children whose parents have selected the school for single sex or co-educational reasons.
- (F) All other applicants.

In some cases a tie-breaker will be required. If a school does not have places for all the children in one of the above criteria, priority will be given to children who fulfil more than one of the admission criteria. The greater the number of criteria fulfilled, the higher the priority. After this the final decision will be made according to straight line distance between the home and the school. Those living nearer to the school will be given the higher priority. Straight line distance is based on the co-ordinates for the property and the school as defined in the Local Land and Property Gazetteer and based on the Ordnance Survey's National System.

If it is possible to offer your child a place at more than one of the schools, you will receive only one offer but it will be the highest preference that can be offered. Where an offer cannot be made at any of the preferences requested, you may be offered a place at the nearest school with a vacancy. Academies, Voluntary Aided schools and Foundation Schools in Slough are all part of The Slough Co-ordinated Admission Scheme but will use their own over-subscription criteria for each application. Please refer to the information pages which describe the different types of schools, and for Voluntary Aided, Foundation Schools and the Academy's over-subscription criteria in the Guide to Admissions.

The Admissions Team will post a letter to you on 1 March 2019 letting you know the outcome of your application. Online applicants can access their results from 1 March and will get email notification on 1 March 2019.

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