

THE STREETLY SCHOOL

Governors will admit 243

Admission Criteria 2009/2010

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

If there are more applications than there are places available, then places will be awarded on the Over-subscription Criteria set out below in the order in which they will be applied:

- i. Children in Public Care (looked after children). .
Definition: Children who are in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by a local authority.
- ii. Where a child has a brother or sister currently attending the school when the application is made and who will be still attending the school at the proposed admission date.
- iii. Up to 8 Children per year with exceptional physical disabilities as defined by Education Walsall who require a mainstream education in a school with specialist modifications and facilities to support physical disabilities and for whom Streetly School is considered to be the nearest appropriate School
- iv. Where there are medical grounds for admitting the child supported by a Doctor's certificate.
- v. Where the child is attending one of the following named primary schools:

Blackwood Primary School
Lindens Primary School
Manor Primary School
- vi. Proximity of the Child's home to the school, with those living nearer being accorded the higher priority, the distance being measured in a straight line between the home address and the school site.

EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

Feeder Primary Schools: In the event of oversubscription from feeder primary schools students living closest to the Streetly school will be given priority.

The definition of a brother or sister is: A brother or sister sharing the same parents, half brother or sister sharing one common parent, step brother or sister (ie related by parents marriage), any other child for whom it can be demonstrated that he or she is residing permanently at the same address (eg under the terms of a residency order)

Medical factors: Applications using the medical criterion will be subject to verification by the Governing Body. The medical grounds must relate to the child and should be accompanied by the appropriate documentation.

Definition of home address: The home address of a child is considered to be the permanent residence of a child in a residential property when the place is offered. The address must be the child's only main residence and is either;

Owned by the child's parent, parents or guardian;
Leased to or rented by the child's parent, parents or guardian under lease or written rental agreement or not less than six months duration.

Documentary evidence of ownership or rental agreement may be required together with proof of actual permanent residence at the property concerned. In certain circumstances the child's current school may be asked to verify the address given.

Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives with both parents for part of the week then the main residence will be determined as the address where the child lives for the majority of the week. Parents may be asked to supply documentary evidence to support the address used for the application.

The offer of a place is based upon the address of the child when the offer is made. The place may be withdrawn if it is found that the child moved (before the place was offered) to a new address which is further away from the school and would not have qualified for a place on the distance criterion.

LATE APPLICATIONS POLICY

A late application is a Preference Form received after the published closing date. Late applications will normally be considered for places after applications that were received by the closing date. Late applicants may be less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools.

When places are offered, applications received by the Closing Date and Valid Late Applications will be considered first.

Late Applications received before the Notification Date (before places are offered)

Applications received by the closing date and valid late applications will take priority when places are offered.

Explanation of Valid Late Applications

There are limited circumstances when a late application may be categorised as a valid late application and considered together with those applications that were received by the closing date.

A late application may be considered as a valid late applications where:

The family were unable to complete an application form before the closing date because they moved into the Borough of Walsall after the issue of Application Forms

OR

The family were unable to comply with the admissions timetable because of exceptional circumstances which prevented the application arriving on time – the circumstances must be given in writing and attached to the Application Form.

Applications Received After the Notification Date (after places offered)

Any application for a place, which is received after places have been offered, will be added to the schools waiting list in admission criteria order.

WAITING LIST POLICY

Waiting lists for all Walsall schools will be maintained by Education Walsall until the last day of the summer term on 31 August 2009. Parents may enquire about their child's position on any waiting list by telephoning Education Walsall (01922) 686355/686357

Waiting lists are kept of all children who have been refused a place at any school which was ranked higher than the school at which they have been offered a place, for example

- If a child is offered a place at the school that was ranked 2nd on the Walsall Preference Form then the child's name will only be placed on the waiting list for the school that was ranked 1st.
- If a child is offered a place at their first choice school the child's name will not be added to any waiting list kept for their other ranked schools.

After 1 March 2009, parents may contact Education Walsall to apply for a place at an oversubscribed Walsall school. Their child's name will be placed on the school's waiting list in admission criteria order. Any vacancies will be offered on the basis of the admission criteria for the school.

From September 2009 each oversubscribed Walsall school is responsible for starting and maintaining a new waiting list. Parents should contact the school to be added to their waiting list.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND TIMETABLE

For admissions in September 2009 The Streetly School has agreed to participate in inter-LA co-ordinated admission arrangements with Education Walsall, Birmingham, Dudley, Sandwell, Staffordshire and Wolverhampton Local Authorities (LAs) as outlined below: -

On Friday 11 July 2008 Education Walsall as the home LA will issue the "Preference Form for Secondary Schools" to enable Walsall parents of year 6 children (who will transfer to secondary education in September 2009) to name up to 5 secondary schools and rank them in order of preference and give reasons for their preference. Parents of Year 6 children who live outside Walsall will receive a preference form from their respective home LA (the home LA is defined as the LA in which the child resides on a permanent basis).

The Walsall preference form may be used to apply for a place at any Secondary School in or outside the borough.

The Closing date for receipt of Walsall Preference Forms is Friday 10 October 2008.

Information about out-borough applications will be transferred between the participating LE at key points in the process.

All applications for named schools will be considered in accordance with each schools published admission criteria. Schools, which are their own admission authorities, will be informed of all applications naming their school, but not the rankings. These schools will inform the home LA of the order in which all applications meet their admission criteria

Where a child meets the admission criteria of two or more schools named on the Preference Form then the home LA will allocate a place at the highest ranked school which could offer a place. Admission authorities will be advised of the pupils to be offered places.

On 1 March 2009 (or the next working day of 1 March is not a working day) notification letters will be sent out to all parents by each home LA offering one place in a school on behalf of the governing body.

If a child resident in Walsall does not meet the admission criteria for any of the ranked schools then Education Walsall as the home LA will allocate a place at the nearest Walsall secondary school with vacant places.

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR YEAR 12

Pupils will be considered for entry into Year 12 based upon their academic attainment and/or individual subject grade criteria, their willingness to work hard and the schools ability to offer meaningful courses.

Students wishing to follow the 4 AS/A2 route should have a minimum of 5 A* - C grades in 5 different subjects to include Maths and English. If GCSE passes are mostly C grades the school will advise students to follow 3 AS courses. If GCSE passes include a range of A*, A or B grades they will ask students to select 4 courses.

Students wishing to follow the level 2 vocational pathways should have a minimum of 4 C's at GCSE. Anyone not achieving grade A - C in English or Maths will be required to resit if they wish to follow AS or vocational courses.

Where students have successfully secured 5 A* - C grades in 5 different subjects but have not achieved a pass in both English and Maths they may be permitted to follow AS courses on the condition that they resit the subject to secure an A* - C pass.

CASUAL ADMISSIONS POLICY

Parents wishing to move their children to The Streetly School other than at normal transfer age should contact the school direct.

The school should respond to a request for a place as soon as possible normally within 10 school days. The school may ask the parents to apply for a place in writing.

Children with a statement of special educational needs (SEN) must contact the SEN section of the Local Authority that issued the statement if they wish to move to the Streetly School and it is not named in Part 4 of the statement.

A waiting list is kept for any oversubscribed year group. The waiting list will be kept in admission criteria order. Any vacancies will be offered on the basis of the published admission criteria of the school.

A waiting list is kept for one term only. On the last day of each school term the names of all children will be removed from the waiting list. If a parent wants their child's name to be added to a new waiting list they must write to the school at the beginning of the new school term.

Parents may enquire about their child's position on the waiting list by contacting the school.