

WICKERSLEY

SCHOOL & SPORTS COLLEGE

POLICIES

ADMISSIONS POLICY



In the event of the number of places sought exceeding the number available, parents preferences for Wickersley School and Sports College will be considered and allocated in the following order of priority:

- i. Relevant looked after children (see notes 2 & 3 below)
- ii. For children who are the subject of a Statement of Special Educational Needs for whom the Statement specifies that particular school.
- iii. Children who on the closing date have a specific medical reason confirmed by a medical practitioner which the Authority is satisfied makes attendance at Wickersley School & Sports College essential.
- iv. For children for who have a compelling social reason which the Authority is satisfied makes attendance at Wickersley School & Sports College essential. The kind of overriding social reason which could be accepted are where there is evidence that the pupil's education would be seriously impaired if he or she did not attend Wickersley School & Sports College
- v. Children who on the closing date live in the catchment area of the school as defined by the Authority who have brothers or sisters in attendance at Wickersley School & Sports College on the date of admission.
- vi. Children who on the closing date live in the catchment area of Wickersley School & Sports College as defined by the Local Authority
- vii. Children who on the closing date have an older brother or sister on roll at Wickersley School & Sports College at the start of the academic year.

- viii. Children who on the closing date are on the roll of one of the associated Primary/ Junior/ Junior & Infants schools as identified by the Local Authority.
- ix. Children who on the closing date live nearest to Wickersley School & Sports College measured by a straight line on a horizontal plane (commonly known as measurement, “as the crow flies”)

Notes

- 1 Where the admission number for any school is likely to be reached mid category, places will be prioritised within that category by reference to the distance between the home address and the school. Highest priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured in a straight line on a horizontal plane (commonly known as measurement, “as the crow flies”).
2. Where any final place at a school is available and two or more pupils are judged to be living equidistant from the school (e.g. in flats), the final place will be allocated by the drawing of lots by officers of the authority.
3. A ‘relevant looked after child’ is a child that is looked after by a local authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the time an application for admission to a school is made, and who the local authority has confirmed will still be looked after at the time when he/she is admitted to the school.
4. Places will be allocated in accordance with the LA’s co-ordinated admissions schemes for Primary and Secondary schools. In assessing preferences, the LA will operate an

'equal preference' system, which means that no priority will be given according to the ranking of the preference, except where a potential offer can be made in respect of more than one school. In that situation, the final offer of a place will be made at the highest ranked of the potential offer schools.

5. Children issued with a statement of Special Educational Needs will gain a place at the school named in the statement as part of that process.

For sixth form admissions please refer to the sixth form admission policy on the Sixth form section of the website.

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