



The Albion Academy Admissions Policy

2016/2017 Admissions Arrangements

PROCEDURE FOR ADMITTING PUPILS TO THE ALBION ACADEMY

Objectives and constraints

The Salford Academy Trust is responsible for determining the Academy's Admission Policy. In undertaking this responsibility, the Trust will be guided by the requirements of the law and will conform fully to the admissions code. The admissions oversubscription criteria have been created so as to ensure fairness, transparency and ease of operation to minimise appeals.

Admission Number(s)

The planned admissions number for Year Seven will be 175.

Priorities for Admissions

The Academy will admit children with a statement of special educational needs naming the Academy. We will then allocate the remaining places in accordance with this policy.

Where more applications are received than there are places available, applications will be considered in accordance with the Academy's published oversubscription criteria following the order stated below:

Oversubscription Criteria

Where the number of applications for the Academy received during the normal admissions round exceeds the admission number of the school, or an admission limit set higher than the admission number, then admission will be determined in accordance with the following priority of admission criteria:

- Looked after children as defined by section 22 of the Children Act 1989 and former looked after children.
- Children in Need - as defined by the Children Act (1989) i.e. those who are unlikely to achieve or maintain or have the opportunity of achieving or maintaining a reasonable standard of health or development or a child/children whose health or development would be further impaired without the provision of services of the Local Authority. Applications under this criterion would need to be supported by an appropriate professional stating that attendance at a particular school is essential.
- Medical reasons. If claiming medical reasons, parents/carers must provide evidence from the doctor that the child has a medical condition which means that admission to the Academy is essential.
- Older brother or sister in attendance at the Academy at the date when the pupil is to be admitted. This includes step-children and foster children living with the same family at the same address. Other children may be considered under the sibling criterion provided proof is available to demonstrate that the children are permanently resident at the same address as part of the same family unit. The Trust accepts that in some family units, children may not be natural brother or sister.

- Children attending an associated primary school, Brentnall, Broughton Jewish Cassel Fox, Lower Kersal, Marlborough Road, the Friars, St George's, St Paul's CE, St Phillip's CE and River View.
- Distance from the Academy. This will be measured in a straight line (as the crow flies) from the child's permanent home address to the front entrance of the Academy.

The child's ordinary place of residence will be deemed to be a residential property at which the person or persons with parental responsibility for the child resides at the closing date for receiving applications for admission to the Academy.

Where parental responsibility is held by more than one person and those persons reside in separate properties, the child's ordinary place of residence will be deemed to be that property at which the child resides for the greater part of the week including weekends.

As noted above, upon oversubscription, places will be allocated up to full capacity by filling up each of the categories in order. Should the Academy need to differentiate between the applicants within any of the categories, the following tie breakers will be applied:

Tie breakers within criteria 2 – 5 will be distance from the Academy (as per Criteria 6)

Tie breakers within criteria 6 (for example if applicants live in a block of flats) then random allocation will apply.

Waiting lists

The Academy will operate a waiting list for each year group. Where in any year the Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the first term after the beginning of the school year. This will be maintained by the Academy Trust and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

Please contact the Academy if you would like to apply for a place for your child please call us on 0161 359 5100 or e-mail us at contact@albionacademy.co.uk