

Weston Academy Admissions Arrangements

These arrangements are established in accordance with Annex 1 of the Academy's Supplemental Funding Agreement.

The school is Weston Academy and the sponsors are The Academies Enterprise Trust. The Governing Body of Weston Academy is the admissions authority. Admissions are centrally co-ordinated by the Isle of Wight Local Authority.

The Admissions Timetable

The Isle of Wight Local Authority operates a timetabled co-ordinated admissions procedure for all primary schools in line with Government legislation.

The Local Authority will manage the process on behalf of Weston Academy according to the scheme which they will publish annually in their admissions booklet, but it is still the Governing Body, as the admissions authority for the school, who will allocate the available places in line with this policy.

The closing date for admission application forms to be received by the Local Authority will be as published in their admissions booklet for that year. Also contained in that booklet will be information on how to complete the form online, dates for notification to parents of admissions decisions and closing dates for accepting places or lodging appeals.

Admission number

The Weston Academy has an agreed admission number of 30 pupils for entry in Reception. This is the Published Admission Number (PAN) for the academy. The Academy will accordingly admit at least 30 pupils in the relevant age group each year if sufficient applications are received. All applicants will be admitted if 30 or fewer apply.

Oversubscription criteria

The Academy will admit pupils with Statements of Special Educational Needs where the school is named in the Statement. After those admissions, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked after children;
2. Children who have an exceptional medical or social need requiring attendance at a particular school rather than any other school. Such needs must be supported, at the time of application, by reports or letters from suitable professionals such as GPs, consultants or social workers. Circumstances cannot be taken into account unless information is provided at the time of application and failure to provide such information at that stage may therefore affect whether or not the children are allocated places at the preferred schools. All information submitted will be regarded as confidential.
3. Children who are **ordinarily resident** in the catchment area.

Places will be allocated in the following priority order:

- a. Where the preferred school is the most suitable school to meet the child's medical needs. (You must provide a letter at the time of application from an NHS professional, which sets out the particular reasons why the school in question is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school).
- b. Children who are brothers and sisters of, or who live as a family at the same address as, pupils who are already at the school or who have already been offered a place, and who will still be there at the time of admission .
- c. Children who live nearest to the school. We will measure the distance by a straight line ('as the crow flies') from the school site that was on the original application for a place. All straight-line distances are calculated electronically by the LA using data provided jointly by the Post Office and Ordnance Survey. The data plots the co-ordinates of each property and provides the address-point between which straight line distance is measured and reported to three decimal places. Where there is more than one home within a single building (for example apartments) we will measure to a single point within that building irrespective of where those homes are located.

It is possible that the Admissions number of the school will be reached in any one of the categories set out above. For this reason, all applications will be prioritised according to the rules described. Decisions will be made about the offer of places in accordance with those priorities. If it is necessary to use a tie-breaker to distinguish between two or more applications, a distance criterion will be used. We will give priority to the applicants who live nearest to the school as measured by a straight line from the school site that was on the original application for a place.

Operation of waiting lists

Subject to any provisions regarding waiting lists in the Isle of Wight Local Authority coordinated admission scheme, the Academy will operate a waiting list. 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 school term. This will be maintained by the Academy 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. Places from the waiting list will be offered in the priority order set out above, not in order of the date applications are made.

If you require any further information about applying for a place at Weston Academy, please contact the school.

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