

Priority criteria for entry autumn 2014 admissions and mid-term applications during 2014 / 2015 academic year

If there are too many requests for 'Leicestershire' Academy, priority will be given to children in the appropriate age-range, whose parents applied on time, in the following order (see note i below):

1st	Children who are in public care and those children who were previously looked after children. (See note ii).
2nd	Pupils who live in the catchment area. (See note iii).
3rd	Pupils who will have an older brother or sister attending the same school at the same time. (See notes iv and v).
4th	Pupils who have a serious medical condition or exceptional social or domestic needs that make it essential they attend the school requested. (Professional documentation confirming the situation must be submitted with the application). (See note vi).
5th	Pupils who will have attended a feeder school for at least two years before the time of transfer. (See note vii).
6th	Pupils starting at an infant school with a sibling attending at the same time in the linked Junior school. (See note iv). or Pupils transferring to high school who will have an older brother or sister attending the linked upper school at the same time. (See note iv).
7th	Pupils basing their application on religious belief. (See note viii).
8th	Pupils living nearest to the school measured in a straight line distance (home to school front gate). (See note ix).

Notes:

- i. Combinations of the above criteria are used in priority order. Where the computerised system throws up an equality of distance for more than one child (who do not have the same home address) the final tie breaker will be by drawing lots.

- ii. A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order¹⁹ or special guardianship order).
- iii. The child's place of residence is taken to be the parental home. In addition where a catchment area has more than one school:
 - No one school will be overfilled while another school with the same catchment has places; and,
 - If more applications than the number of places are received from within the catchment the oversubscription criteria will be applied for each school in accordance with the admissions policy. (Braunstone schools only)
- iv. The term "brother or sister" includes half brother or sister or legally adopted child being regarded as the brother or sister.
- v. Regarding brothers or sisters who will be of sixth form age, these are counted as brother/sister connections for criteria 3 or 6 above.
- vi. If criterion 4 is used, professional supporting documentation from the Lead Professional must be supplied and must be submitted with the application. The following list are the areas that are considered exceptional:
 - Crown Servants (serving members of the armed forces).
 - Children subject to Child Protection Plans.
 - Hard to Place children – who fall under the Fair Access Protocol.
 - Parents suffering domestic violence (This is dependent on documentary evidence by a lead professional).
 - A child for whom transfer to the catchment area school would involve attending a different school until he/she is the right age for transfer. (This is dependent on the child having attended the present school for at least a year).

Each case will be assessed on its individual merits.
- vii. For criterion 5 above, the child must have been enrolled at the feeder school on or before the start date of the Autumn Term two years before transfer.
- viii. For criterion 7 above, a letter of support from your Minister or Religious Leader will be required explaining how the school caters for your faith. For schools listed below a Minister's letter is required to support the parent's application that verifies children from church going families who have attended a Christian place of worship at least once a month for a year prior to application;

This criterion only applies to the following CE VC schools.
- ix. For Criterion 8 above, measurement of distance is in a straight line from the

centre point of the property to the school's main designated front gate, using a computerised mapping system (Geocoding). Where there is equal distance then lots will be drawn supervised by an independent officer.

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