

Admissions Policy for Cottesbrooke Infant & Nursery School

Admission number: 90 Criteria:

1. Children in Care/EHCP
2. Children with a brother or a sister already at the Academy (not Nursery) or Cedars Academy
3. Children who live nearest the Academy

Within each of these categories priority is given to those who live nearest the Academy, calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between home and the Academy.

Children with a statement of special educational needs:

Any child with an Educational Healthcare Plan (EHCP) is required to be admitted to the Academy that is named in the EHCP. This gives such children overall priority for admission to the named Academy. This is not an oversubscription criterion.

Children in Care or previously looked after Children in Care: A 'child in care' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of the 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).

In the case of previously looked after children, admission authorities may request a copy of the adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order and a letter from the local authority that last looked after the child confirming that he or she was looked after immediately prior to that order being made.

Siblings (brothers or sisters) are considered to be those children who live at the same address and either:

1. Have one or both natural parents in common
2. Are related by a parent's marriage
3. Are adopted or fostered by a common parent.

Unrelated children living at the same address, whose parents are living as partners, are also considered to be siblings. Children not adopted or fostered or related by a parent's marriage or with one natural parent in common, who are brought together as a family by a same sex civil partnership and who are living at the same address, are also to be considered to be siblings.

Distance: Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the applicant's home address and the main entrance – Cottesbrook/Yardley Road. The local authority uses a computerised system which measures all distances in metres. Ordnance Survey supply the co-ordinates that are used to plot an applicant's home address and the address of the academy.

Approved by the Full Governing Body on 8th October 2018

