



ADMISSIONS POLICY (2020-2021)

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Next Review Date: July 2020

The Dean Academy's Published Admission Number: 219

1. Students with Statements of Special Educational Needs'

- a. All Year 6 students with Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) who reside within the designated area for the academy catchment will normally be entitled to a place at The Dean Academy, unless the outcome of their annual review in Year 6 specifies that another school would be more suitable. EHCP students from outside the designated area, or relocating within the designated area, will be considered on an individual case basis in line with usual academy admission procedures.

2. Lists

- a. If The Dean Academy is oversubscribed, a waiting list will be held for at least the first term (ie. until December 2020). The waiting list will be prioritised according to the academy's oversubscription criteria. This policy should be read in conjunction with all others, including health and safety and the welfare of students and staff.

3. Criteria

Where applications exceed the number of places available, students will be admitted to The Dean Academy on the basis of the following criteria and in the order stated:

- a. Children in Public Care (Looked After Children), including children who have previously been 'looked after' and later subject to an adoption residence, or special guardianship order.
- b. Children who have a sibling attending the academy and who will continue to do so when the younger child is admitted as at 1st September 2020. A sibling is defined as "a brother or sister, half-brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent's/carer's partner normally living in the same family unit at the same address.
- c. Proximity of the child's home to the academy, with those living nearest being accorded higher priority as measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey point of the child's home address (including flats) to the central point of the academy, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system.

- d. In the event of over subscription in any particular category, we will follow procedure: "Where any particular category at points a - b is oversubscribed, criterion 3 (strongest geographical claim based on straight line distance) will be used to determine which child will be offered a place. In the event of a tie between two or more children when applying criterion 3 (strongest geographical claim based on straight line distance) where there are not enough places available to offer all children a place at the academy, a process of random allocation will be followed by the Governing Body.

The academy is required to admit a child with an EHCP if that EHCP names the academy. This applies even if the academy is full.

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 function (see the definition in Section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

¹⁷This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children's Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders).

¹⁸Child arrangements orders are defined in s.8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by s.12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order.

¹⁹ See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

4. In-Year Admissions

- a. Any applications for a place at The Dean Academy made outside the normal year of entry must be made directly to the academy in the first instance.

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Signed: Name: Janine Fox
Chair of Governors

Date: 01/03/19