

Admissions Policy 2020

Students will be admitted to Wyedean School without reference to ability or aptitude. The school's admission number for entry in September 2020 is 174.

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit:

1. A 'looked after child' (1) or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption(2) child arrangements order (residency order) (3) or special guardianship order (4) .

(1) 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. In Gloucestershire, such children are referred to as Children in Care.

(2) This 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 Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders).

(3) Under the provisions of section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which amend section 8 of the Children Act 1989, residence orders have now been replaced by child arrangements orders.

(4) 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).

2. Children living in the priority catchment area (parishes of Alvington, Hewelsfield, St.Briavels, Tidenham and Woolaston).
3. Children wishing to join a sibling attending the school and who will continue to do so at the time the applicant child starts the school. For the purposes of this policy, a sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half-brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, stepbrother or sister, or the child of the parent's / carer's partner. The child must be living in the same family unit at the same address as the sibling.
4. Children with any authenticated medical reason for attending the school. Applications under this criterion will only be considered if they are supported by a written statement from the child's doctor, which makes a very specific connection between the child's medical needs and the resources / facilities available at Wyedean School.
5. Children who live closest to the school through a straight line measurement on the Ordnance Survey map. The distance will be measured from the ordnance survey point of the child's home address to the door at the ordnance survey point of the school, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Tie-break

The fifth criterion above (distance) will provide our tie-break. If two or more children are living the same distance away from Wyedean, they shall be prioritised by random allocation.

Appeals procedure

In the event of over subscription, any parent has the right of appeal for a place for their son or daughter at Wyedean School.

Appeals for a place at the school should be made in writing to the Governor Support Officer at the school address. An appeal hearing to an independent panel will be set up within 30 school days of receipt of the request.

Waiting Lists

A waiting list will be held for each year in which the school is oversubscribed. The waiting list will be prioritised according to the school's admissions criteria. Applications for entry to year 7 will be kept on the waiting list until the end of the Autumn Term (Christmas).

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Any applications for a school made outside the normal year of entry to the school must be made directly to the school.

Fair Access Protocols

The school has signed up to the In-Year Fair Access Protocols held by the Local Authority. Should a vulnerable child within these Protocols require a place at the school, they will take precedent over any child on the waiting list.

Admissions to Wyedean Sixth Form Centre

Wyedean Sixth Form Centre has a total capacity of 347 students. Existing students from Year 11 are given priority (subject to achieving the entrance requirements). The remaining spaces to take the school to capacity will be based on the criteria below. Students who wish to apply to Wyedean Sixth Form Centre should complete the Centre application form and return it by the closing date.

Our entrance requirements for Sixth Form (2020) will be five GCSEs at grade 5 or better, two of which need to be in English Language and Maths*.

*Some courses may require a higher grade. Please refer to specific course entry requirements in the prospectus.

For Level 2 courses, students should complete the application form, and all applicants will be interviewed to discuss an appropriate programme of study.

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(1) 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. In Gloucestershire, such children are referred to as Children in Care.

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(4) 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).

2. Students from schools in the Forest of Dean area (Dean Academy, Dene Magna School, Forest High School, Five Acres High School, Newent School).
3. Students who live closest to the school through a straight line measurement on the Ordnance Survey map. The distance will be measured from the ordnance survey point of the student's home address to the ordnance survey point of the school, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Tie-break

The third criterion above (distance) will provide our tie-break. If two or more students are living the same distance away from Wyedean, they shall be prioritised by random allocation.

Appeals procedure

In the event of over subscription, any parent has the right of appeal for a place for their son or daughter at Wyedean School.

Appeals for a place at the school should be made in writing to the Governor Support Officer at the school address. An appeal hearing to an independent panel will be set up within 40 school days of receipt of the request.

If you have any comments on the criteria for admissions to Wyedean School for September 2020 please email principal@wyedean.gloucs.sch.uk or write to Rob Ford, Principal, Wyedean School and Sixth Form Centre, Beachley Road, Sedbury, Chepstow, Gloucestershire, NP16 7AA.

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