



GLOUCESTER
ACADEMY

Admission Arrangements 2021/22

Published Admission Number: 210

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below. After the admission of pupils with statements of Special Educational Need or an Educational Health and Care Plan where Gloucester Academy is named on the statement, the criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out below:

Priority 1: Looked After Children

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 arrangement orders (residency order) (3), or special guardianship order (4) including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

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 s.14 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which amend section 8 of the Children Act 1989, residence orders have now been replaced by child arrangements orders. 4) See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more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).

Priority 2: Exceptional medical/social

Children for whom only the Academy is appropriate due to an exceptional medical condition. Applications under this criterion will only be considered if they are supported by a written statement from the child's doctor. This must demonstrate that there is a very specific connection between the medical need and the facilities or resources of the Academy.

Priority 3: Siblings

Children who have siblings (by which is meant full, step-, half- and adopted siblings living in the same household) at the school at the point of admission.

Priority 4: Children of members of staff

Children of current members of staff where the member of staff has been employed by the academy for two or more years or who will meet a clear skills shortage at the time at which the application for admission is made.

Priority 5: Distance

Admission of pupils on the basis of proximity to the school using straight line measurement from the determined point of the academy (the main reception entrance of the new Academy building) and the Ordnance Survey point of the child's home address (this will be the child's permanent residence).

Where any particular category at points 1-3 above is oversubscribed, criterion 5 (strongest geographical claim based on straight line distance) will be used to determine which child is offered a place.

Tie-break

In the event of a tie between two or more children when applying criterion 5 (strongest geographical claim based on straight line distance) where there are not enough places available to offer all children a place at the school, a process of random allocation will be followed.

Waiting Lists

Where in any year Gloucester Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the December term. Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Fair Access Protocols Gloucester Academy supports the In-Year Fair Access Protocols run by the Local Authority. Therefore, should a vulnerable child within these Protocols require a place at the school, they will take precedence over any child on the waiting list.

In-Year Admissions

Any applications for Gloucester Academy made outside the normal application round must be made directly to the school. Appeal There will be a right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel for

unsuccessful applicants. Unsuccessful applicants will be advised of the reason admission was refused and advised of the right to appeal by setting out grounds in writing.