



## **Rivers Primary Academy**

### **Determination of admission arrangements for the academic year 2019/2020**

Rivers Primary Academy is part of an inter-LA Co-ordinated Admission Scheme  
All dates referred to within this document are in line with this scheme.

**Reviewed:** March 2018

**Next Review:** March 2019

## **RIVERS PRIMARY ACADEMY – 2019/20**

### **ADMISSIONS POLICY**

#### **Nursery Admission**

1. We will admit up to 52 full time pupils who are aged 3 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August for that academic year.

When applications for Nursery are oversubscribed given any of the above conditions, the following criteria will apply in order to decide who will enter the school:

- a) Children who have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of entry.
- b) Due consideration will then be given to other applicants in terms of distance from the school from the centre point of the home address to the centre point of the school.

#### **Reception Admission**

**Our admission number for Reception is 60.** (based on our Published Admission Number) PAN 2018/19.

For admissions, Rivers Primary Academy will be part of the co-ordinated admission arrangements with Walsall Council.

Applications should be made online to Walsall Council. Parents can list up to three schools on their application and rank them in order of preference.

All applications for named school will be considered in accordance with each school's published admission criteria. Parents will receive written confirmation of an offer of a school place.

If a child does not meet the admission criteria for any of their parent's preferred schools, Walsall Council will offer a place at the nearest alternative primary school with vacant places after consultation with the governing body.

#### **Years One and Two**

Our admission number for years 1 and 2 is 60 (based on our Published Admission Number (PAN)).

If a child does not meet the admission criteria they should contact the Local Authority for information on alternative schools with places available.

## **Years Three to Six**

Our admission number for Years 3 to 6 is 45 (based on our Published Admission Number (PAN)).

If a child does not meet the admission criteria they should contact the Local Authority for information on alternative schools with places available.

## **Over subscription**

All schools must admit any child with a statement of special educational needs that names the school directly.

In the event of oversubscription places will be offered using the following criteria:

1. Children in Public Care (Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children). \* *See note below.*
2. Children who have an older sibling already in attendance at the school when the application is made and who will be attending the school at the proposed admission date. \*\* *See note below.*
3. Children for whom a place at the school is essential on medical or social grounds and is supported in writing by a medical practitioner or a social worker. (Applications will be subject to verification).
4. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the centre point of the home address to the centre point of the school.. \*\*\* *See note below*

## **Notes**

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Looked after Children – as required by the Regulations of 2012 the school will give priority to applications on behalf of children in public care (Looked After Children) in accordance with the definition below:

‘Looked after child’ 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 care of the local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by the local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

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By sibling we mean:

Children living at the same address who have one or both natural parents in common.

Children living at the same address who are related by a parent’s marriage.

Children living at the same address whose parents are living as partners at this address.

Fostered children living at the same address.

We include siblings who are adopted within our definition of sibling.

We do not include 'cousins' within our definition of sibling.

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Proof of residence will be required by the co-ordinated scheme. The offer of a place maybe withdrawn if proof of residency is not met. Where a child lives part of the week with one parent and part of the week with another member of the family the '**home address**' will be considered to be the residence where the child spends at least three nights of the school each week.

Proximity of the child's home to Rivers Primary Academy using a straight-line distance will be used as a '**tiebreaker**' for any oversubscribed criterion. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the centre point of the home address to the centre point of the school. (Special conditions will apply in the event that one child form a multiple birth does not gain admission to the school through the use of the admissions criteria; in this instance the school governors will exceed the admission number for the family concerned to prevent separation of twins/triplets.)

### **Waiting Lists**

As required by the current School Admissions Code the school will maintain a waiting list until the end of the autumn term in the year of transition. Applications for inclusion on a waiting list must be made on the school's appropriate form and they will be ranked according to our over subscription criteria as described above. We have to admit any pupil who is admitted through the appeal process, or allocated to us according to the local Fair Access Protocol and any such pupils take precedence over the waiting list.

### **In Year Admissions**

Admissions mid-year for any year group will be dealt with in accordance with this policy and will be administered by the school. Please contact the school for an admission application form.

### **Appeals**

If you are not offered a place at our school you have the right to appeal to an independent panel and should contact the school for the relevant papers if they are not available from the LA. Please ensure that the school rather than the LA Admission Appeal Form is used.

### **In Year Fair Access Policy**

The governing body have adopted the LA Fair Access Policy for admission of previously excluded or hard to place children.

### **Further Information**

All parents are advised to read the Local Authority booklet for parents on primary admissions. The Choice Adviser is available to answer any questions or if you require advice and can be reached at:

Parent Support Advisor  
Zone 2E, The Civic Centre  
Darwall Street  
Walsall  
WS2 1TP

Telephone: 01922 652578

Alternatively, please contact Mrs M Cooper, the School Administration Assistant, on the school number: 01922 710164 who will be happy to help you.