

ARENA ACADEMY

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Published Admission Number: 210

Oversubscription Criteria

Where there are more applications than there are places available, places will be allocated based on the following order of priority:

- a) Looked after or previously looked after children.
- b) Children of staff in the Trust where there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- c) Children with a brother or a sister already at the school who will still be in attendance in September of the academic year of the sibling joining the school.
- d) Children who live nearest the school.

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

Children with an Education Health and Care Plan

Any child with Children with an Education Health and Care Plan is required to be admitted to the school that is named in the statement. This gives such children overall priority for admission to the named school. This is not an oversubscription criterion.

Looked after or previously looked after children

A Looked After Child is a child who is in the care of a local authority or is being provided with accommodation by a local authority as set out in s22(1) of the Children Act 1989. A Previously Looked After Child is a child who immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, special guardianship or child arrangements order. In the case of previously looked after children, admission authorities may request a copy of the adoption order, child arrangements 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

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

- i. have one or both natural parents in common;
- or ii. are related by a parent's marriage;
- or iii. 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 considered to be siblings.

Distance

Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the applicant's home address and the front school gates. 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 school.

Shared Responsibility

Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives with both parents for part of the week, then the main residence will be determined as the address where the child lives the majority of the week. Parents may be requested to supply documentary evidence to support the address used.

Final Qualifier

In a very small number of cases it may not be possible to decide between the applications of those pupils who are the final qualifiers for a place, when applying the published admission criteria.

For example, this may occur when children in the same year group live at the same address, or if the distance between the home and school is exactly the same, for example, blocks of flats. If there is no other way of separating the application according to the admissions criteria and to admit both or all of the children would cause the Published Admission Number for the child's year group to be exceeded, the Local Authority will use a computerised system to randomly select the child to be offered the final place.

In the event of this occurring with twins or other multiple birth applicants, academies will be asked to admit over their Published Admission Number to accommodate the pupils.

Waiting Lists

Waiting lists will not be fixed following the offer of places. They are subject to change. This means that a child's waiting list position during the year could go up or down. Any applicants will be added to the school's list in accordance with the order of priority for offering places. Waiting lists will be maintained until the end of each academic year.

Appeals

Appeals are administered by the Local Authority for this school. Parents who wish to appeal against the decision to refuse their child admission should visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions to complete an online appeal form. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.

In-Year Applications

Applications made outside the normal admissions round (in-year admissions) should be made directly to the school. Parents/carers can apply for a place for their child at any time and to any school. On receipt of an in-year application, the school will notify the local authority of both the application and its outcome, to allow the local authority to keep up to date with figures on the availability of school places in Birmingham.

Fair Access

The Governing Body of this Academy is committed to taking its fair share of children who are vulnerable and/or hard to place, as set out in locally agreed protocols. Accordingly, outside the normal admission round the governing body is empowered to give absolute priority to a child where admission is requested under any locally agreed protocol. The Governing Body has this power, even when admitting the child would mean exceeding the published admission number subject to the infant class size exceptions.

Note: Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight line measurement between the applicant's home address and the main School gate on Beeches Road.



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