



Policy for Admissions

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Statement of Intent

At Fibbersley Park Academy we welcome all pupils, irrespective of faith, culture, disability, race or family background. As an academy we are our own admissions authority, however we operate our admission arrangements and procedures in line with Walsall Council's co-ordinated scheme for school admissions, which in turn reflects the statutory requirements of the School Admissions Code of Practice (2014). We also comply with the Equalities Act 2010, the School Admissions Appeals Code 2012, Human Rights Act 1998 and the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all school places are allocated and offered in an open and fair way.

Admission numbers:

| Year Group | Pupil Admission Number (PAN) | Year Group | Pupil Admission Number (PAN) |
|------------|------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| Reception | 90 | Year 3 | 90 |
| Year 1 | 90 | Year 4 | 90 |
| Year 2 | 90 | Year 5 | 90 |
| | | Year 6 | 90 |

We follow procedures as outlined in the Walsall Guidance please see the links below:

https://go.walsall.gov.uk/primary_school_admissions

Oversubscription criteria

In the event that Fibbersley Park Academy is oversubscribed with school placements requests the following order of priorities will apply to determine which applicants will be offered a place:

1. Children in public care (Looked After Children).
2. Children who have an older sibling already in attendance at the school when the application is made and who will still be attending the school at the proposed admission date.
3. Children for whom a place at the school is essential on medical or social grounds and where the application is supported in writing by a medical practitioner or social worker.
4. Children who are attending Fibbersley Park Nursery and an application for a school place has been made following the correct procedure and within the required timescales.
5. Children living closest to the school will be given a higher priority. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the centre point of the home address to the centre point of the school address.

For the purposes of this policy a brother or sister/sibling is:

- A brother or sister sharing the same parents
- A half-brother or half-sister where two children share one common parent
- A step brother or step sister where two children are related by marriage
- Any other child for whom it can be demonstrated that he or she is residing permanently at the same address (e.g. under the terms of a residency order/special guardianship or adoption)

Children with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP)

Children who have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and have named Fibbersley Park Academy as their preferred school will be admitted before all other applicants providing the school feels that the needs of the child can be met. The needs of the child will be those set out in the child's EHCP. Children who do have an EHCP and wish to have a place at Fibbersley Park Academy should contact the SEN team at Walsall who should request the place for the child on the family's behalf. The team will request the place at Fibbersley Park Academy, provide the school with a copy of the EHCP and provide a deadline by which the school should respond to the request.

Applying for a School Place at Fibbersley Park Academy

Nursery:

Fibbersley Park Academy has provision for 3 year olds. A separate form should be completed, this can be obtained directly from the school and should be returned to the main school office marked for the attention of: The Business Support Officer.

Reception:

Children wishing to join our reception at the start of an academic year will need to apply online via the Walsall Admissions Team. If you are requesting a place after the start of the school year the application still needs to be made directly to Walsall Local Authority.

Deferred entry to reception class - Parents may decide to defer the date their child is admitted to the school until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the application was made. In addition, where the parents wish, children may attend part-time until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age. Before deciding whether to defer their child's entry to school, parents should visit the academy to clarify how we cater for the youngest children in reception and how the needs of these children are met as they move up through the academy.

Year 1 to Year 6

Please follow the procedures for midyear admissions, these must be made directly to Walsall Local Authority.

Link to Walsall Guidance – Online Applications:

https://go.walsall.gov.uk/Portals/0/images/importeddocuments/parents_online_guide_to_admissions-2.pdf

Applications for twins and multiple births

It is the policy of Fibbersley Park Academy that when applications for twins/multiple births or siblings that are in the same year group the children will not, if possible, be admitted into the same class. They will be allocated separate classes.

In Year Fair Access Protocol

The school will participate in the above protocol, however will only accept pupils where we feel we can meet their individual needs.

Fraudulent Applications

If the school is advised that a place has been allocated to a pupil by using fraudulent information, then the school has the right to consider withdrawing the offer of a place.

Right to Appeal

Parents/Carers have the right to appeal against the decision to refuse a place. Appeals are run in conjunction with the Walsall Appeals Process.