

AURORA ACADEMIES TRUST

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OAKWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY

ADMISSIONS POLICY 2017-18

PART A – Admission Numbers

1 – Nursery Provision

The Academy nursery has an agreed admission number of 20 full-time equivalent pupils. The Academy nursery day will be split into 2 sessions (Morning & Afternoon) – 20 applicants will be accommodated in each session.

AAT also operates a separate nursery called Oakwood Full Day Care Nursery with up to 26 places for ages 0-3yrs and 16 places for age 3yrs to the end of early years age group.

2 – Primary Provision

The Academy has an admission number of 60 in Reception year.

The Academy will accordingly provide for the admission of 60 pupils to the Reception Class each year if sufficient applications for entry are received. Where fewer than the published admission number for the relevant year group are received, AAT will offer places at the Academy to all those who have applied.

PART B – Oversubscription Criteria

1 – Nursery Provision

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, applications for the Academy nursery will be considered against the criteria set out below, in priority order. In both criteria children of multiple births (twins, triplets etc) will have priority:-

- 1) Pupils who, on the date of admission, will have an older sibling (i.e. a natural brother or sister, or a half brother or sister, or a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, or step brother or sister who will be living with them at the same address at the date of their entry to the Academy) in the nursery or in years R-6 of the Academy. Proof of the sibling relationship will be required.
- 2) The remaining places will be offered to children who live closest to the school. The child living closest to the school will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child's home to the front gates of the Academy in a straight line. Proof of residence will be required, (council tax bill, utility bill).



Nursery education is not statutory and children in the Nursery cannot therefore, be guaranteed a place in the Reception class.

Parents will need to apply for a place in Reception on the Common Application Form if they wish their child to be considered for a place.

Nursery provision is non statutory education and so there is no right of appeal to an independent appeal panel if refused admission. If the applicant feels an error has been made in refusing admission he or she can ask AAT to review the decision.

2 – Primary Provision

When the Academy is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with Statements of Special Educational Needs or Educational Health & Care Plans where the school is named in the Statement, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

- 1) Looked after children¹ and previously looked after children. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted² (or became subject to a residence order³ or special guardianship order⁴)
- 2) Children who have siblings at the school
- 3) Other children.

For the purposes of this policy “sibling” is described as in the nursery section above.

If in categories 2-3 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the school will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child’s home to the front gates of the Academy in a straight line. Proof of residence will be required, (council tax bill, utility bill).

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in categories 2-3 above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child’s home and the Academy is equidistant in any two or more cases.

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

² Under the terms of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. See Section 46 (adoption orders).

³ Under the terms of the Children Act 1989. See Section 8 which defines a ‘residence order’ as an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live.

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).



PART C – Application Process

Application for places at the academy for children of statutory school age must be made via East Sussex County Council who will process the applications. All other “in-year” admissions will be processed by the Academy office staff.

PART D – Waiting lists

The Academy will operate a waiting list for each year group. Where in any year the Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the first term after the academic year has commenced. This will be maintained by the Academy and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child’s name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children’s position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

PART E – Appeals

Where AAT is unable to offer a place because the school is over subscribed, parents have the right to appeal to an independent admission appeal panel.

