

**Admission Priorities for Places in Oversubscribed Community and
Controlled Primary Schools Academic Year 2021/2022**

NB: These are correct at the time of publication. For the most recent Admission Priorities please see the Sandwell LA Website www.sandwell.gov.uk

1. Children who are in public care and children who were previously in public care but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order).
2. Children with a particular medical condition. Applications submitted under this criterion must be accompanied by a medical declaration form (ASU75M) signed by the child's general practitioner or consultant confirming the condition, detailing the child's needs and specifying why, in their opinion, the preferred school is the only or most appropriate to meet the child's needs. All applications under this criterion will be assessed by the local authority to decide whether the child's needs can be met most appropriately by the preferred school.
3.
 - a) Children having a brother or sister at the school at the preferred school (not nursery) at the time of admission.
 - b) For admissions to infant schools, children having a brother or sister at the preferred school or at a linked Primary school at the time of admission.
 - c) For admissions to Primary schools, children having a brother or sister at the preferred school or at a linked infant school (not nursery) at the time of admission.
4. For admissions to Primary schools, children being on roll at the linked infant school at the time of admission.
5. *Children accepted on denominational grounds, supported by the Anglican/ Church of England Church. Applications based on this criterion must be accompanied by a completed declaration form signed by a Vicar or Priest to signify attendance at an Anglican/ Church of England Church on at least one occasion per month.
6. Children prioritised by distance measured in a straight line from a child's home** to the centre point of the school site.***

In all cases, should the number of applicants exceed the number of places available, places will be allocated on the basis of distance between home and school, as measured in a straight line from home to the centre point on the school site with priority being given to those living closest to the school.

NB Children with a Statements of Educational Needs or a Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) (previously known as a Statement of Educational Needs), naming a particular school will be admitted before all other applicants.

Note:

*Applicable only to schools that are designated by the Secretary of State as having a religious character.

** Measured from the Local Land and Property Gazetteer address base for the property. In all cases, should the number of applicants exceed the number of places available, places will be allocated based on distance between home and school, as measured in a straight line from home to centre point of the school site with priority being given to those living closest to the preferred school.

*** In the case of Lightwoods Primary School applications will be prioritised by distance measured in a straight line from the child's home to the centre of the Castle Road East site.