



Proposed Birmingham School Admission Criteria 2027-2028

School name	Walmley Junior School
School address	Walmley Ash Road, Sutton Coldfield B76 1JB
Headteacher	Mrs Lisa Naughton
Tel no:	0121 351 1346
Admission Number:	90

	The school admits 90 children into Year 3 each September. Places are given in the first instance to all children transferring from Walmley Infant School. 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. Parents should note that admissions to Walmley Infant School will not result in automatic admission to Walmley Junior School for older siblings. The admission of older siblings will be dependent on a place being available if they are entitled under the admissions criteria. Where further applications for admissions exceed the number of places within Year groups, the following criteria will be applied to decide which children are admitted:
Criteria	1. Looked after or previously looked after children Children who are looked after or immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement order or special guardianship order. This includes any child / young person who is subject to a Full Care Order, an interim Care Order, accommodated under Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, is remanded or detained into Local Authority accommodation under Criminal Law or who has been placed for adoption. Evidence may be requested from carer's whose children are looked after or were previously looked after by another Local Authority. Children adopted from state care outside of England Children who appear (to the Governing body) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted will be given equal first priority in admission arrangements, alongside looked after children (LAC) and children who were previously looked after by English local authorities (PLAC). These children are referred to as internationally adopted previously looked after children – "IAPLAC". Evidence will be required from the carer confirming that their child meets the above criteria in accordance with the DfE's non-statutory guidance on the admission of IAPLAC.

	2. Children with siblings already at the school or still at Walmley Infant School ('The Local Authority's 'Sibling' definition has been adopted'). Priority will only be given if siblings will still be in attendance at the date of admission.
	3. Children who live nearest to the school.
	Proximity of child's home to school measured by straight line distance (the Local Authority's 'Distance' definition has been adopted). Distances are calculated from the applicant's home address to the school office. In cases of shared responsibility 'the home' will be determined as the address where the child lives the majority of the week. In cases where it is not possible to decide between applications i.e. where the address is the same (e.g. twins, blocks of flats), the local authority will use a computerised system to randomly select the child to be offered the final place. Proof of address to be provided. In the event of this occurring with twins or other multiple birth applicants, the school admit over their Published Admission Number to accommodate the pupil(s).
Transfer to Year 3	Parents with a child attending Walmley Infant School in Year 2 who would like their child to transfer to Walmley Junior School in Year 3 will be required to complete a Local Authority Preference Form for a place at the school. Birmingham residents should visit the Local Authority's website to submit their application: Birmingham City Council School Admissions Where there are more applications than places available the following over-subscription criteria will apply
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	2. Children who will be attending the linked Infant School at the time of application and will still be in attendance at the end of Year 2.
	3. Children with siblings already at the school or still at Walmley Infant School ('The Local Authority's 'Sibling' definition has been adopted'). Priority will only be given if siblings will still be in attendance at the date of admission.
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Appeals	Appeals are administered by the Local Authority. Parents who wish to appeal against the decision to refuse their child admission should visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.
Waiting list	Waiting lists are held in strict oversubscription criteria order for every year group until at least the first term of each academic year. Each child added will require the list to be ranked again in line with the oversubscription criteria.
Children with an Education Health Plan	Any child with an Education Health and Care Plan is required to be admitted to the school that is named in their plan. This gives such children overall priority for admission to the named school. This will reduce the number of places available to applicants. This is not an oversubscription criterion.
In Year Applications	Applications made outside the normal admissions round (In-Year Admissions) should be made directly to the school using the In-Year Application Form. 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 within two days 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. Upon receipt of an in-year application, the school, will aim to notify the parents of the outcome of their application in writing within 10 school days, but they must be notified in writing within 15 school days. Where an application is refused, the School will also set out the reason for refusal and information about the right to appeal. Where an applicant is offered a place following an in-year application, and the offer is accepted, arrangements will be made for the child to start as soon as possible, particularly where the child is out of education.
Admission of children outside their normal year group	Parents have the right to request, but not insist, that their child be considered for admission to a class outside of their normal age group. This could be the case, for example, if a child is gifted and talented, has experienced problems such as ill health, or that the child is summer born, i.e. a child born between 1st April and 31st August. Parents who wish for their child to be considered for admission to a class outside of their normal age group must make an application for the normal age group in the first instance. Parents must then submit a formal request to the Governing Body for the child to be considered for a different age group class instead. This request should be in the form of a written letter of application outlining the reasons why they wish for their child to be considered to be admitted into a class outside of their normal age group and enclosing any supportive evidence and documentation that they wish to be taken into account as part of that request. The Governing Body will consider requests submitted for a child to be admitted into a class outside of their normal age group and advise parents of the outcome of that request before national offer day, having taken into account the information provided by the parents, the child's best interests and the views of the Head Teacher. If the request is refused, the original application for the normal age group class will progress through the Local Authority co-ordinated admissions scheme, be considered by the Governing Body and the parents advised of the outcome. If the request is agreed and the year group for which the parents have requested a place is a current year group in the school, then the application will be considered by the Governing Body and the parents advised of the outcome.

	If the request is agreed and the year group for which the parents have requested a place is for a future year group, i.e. Year 2 to Year 3 in September 2028, then the original application is withdrawn, and the parents must submit a fresh application for Year 2 to Year 3 2028 when applications open in the autumn term of 2027. Please note that parents only have the right to re-apply for a place. Where the Governing Body agrees to consider an application for Year 2 to Year 3 the following year, that application is considered alongside all other applications received and parents will be advised of the outcome of that application on national offer day. No place is reserved or held for the child in advance. If parents are considering submitting an application for their child to be admitted into a class outside of their normal age group, it is strongly recommended that they read the DFE guidance to be found at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/summer-born-children-school-admission
Fair Access Protocol	The Governing body of Walmley Junior School 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 able to give 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.

*** No supplementary information form is used at Walmley Junior School**