

Proposed Birmingham School Admission Criteria September 2027/2028

School name	Washwood Heath Academy
School address	Burney Lane, Stechford, Birmingham B8 2AS
Head of Academy	Mrs L Petrie
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Admission Number	*285

*Washwood Heath Academy is an all-through school for pupils aged 4-18 years. The number of places in Reception is 30 and the number of places in Year 7 is 285.

For entry to Year 7 in September 2027, children already on roll in Year 6 at Washwood Heath Academy (primary phase), will automatically transfer to Year 7 and 255 places will be available to external students. Parents and carers of children in Year 6 will also be free to submit applications for Year 7 places at other schools.

If fewer than 30 pupils transfer the additional places will be offered to external students. If more than 30 pupils transfer (for example because Year 6 is over Published Admission Number as a result of successful appeals) the school will still allocate 255 external places but will not allocate any additional places until the total number of pupils allocated falls to 284 or below.

Oversubscription Criteria (Reception Class to Year 11).	1. Looked after children or children who were previously looked after (including previously looked after children from outside of England).
	2. Children with a brother or a sister already at the academy who will still be in attendance in September 2027.
	3. Children who live nearest the academy.
	Within each of these categories, priority is given to those who live nearest the academy, calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between home and academy.
Children with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)	Any child with an Education Health and Care Plan is required to be admitted to the academy that is named in the plan. This gives such children overall priority for admission to the named academy. This will reduce the number of places available to applicants. This is not an oversubscription criterion.
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 who appear to the Academy Trust 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.
Sibling	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 a point decided by the academy – the main entrance to the school building. 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 academy.
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 academy 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 academy'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 academy. Parents who wish to appeal against the decision to refuse their child admission should visit: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions Appeals are considered by an independent panel.
In Year Applications	Applications made outside the normal admissions round (in-year admissions) should be made directly to the academy. Parents/carers can apply for a place for their child at any time and to any academy. On receipt of an in-year application, the academy 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 academy places in Birmingham.
Deferred entry and Admission of children outside their normal year group	Parents can request that the date their child is admitted to school is deferred until later in the academic year or until the term in which the child reaches compulsory school age. 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, for primary that the child is summer born, i.e., a child born between 1st April and 31st August for secondary that they had deferred entry agreed for when their child started Reception class, or that they have been taught out of the normal year group during the primary phase of education and have not reintegrated back into their normal chronological year groups. Parents who wish for their child to be considered for admission

	out of the normal age group, they must still make an application for the normal age group in the first instance. Parents must then submit a formal request to the Academy Trust 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 Academy Trust 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 the 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 coordinated admissions scheme, be considered by the Academy Trust 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 Academy Trust 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, then the original application is withdrawn, and the parents must submit a fresh application for September 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 Academy Trust agree to consider an application for Reception or year 7 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 also read the DFE guidance which can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/summer-born-children-school-admission
Sixth Form Capacity (both internal and external applicants)	In year 12 we have capacity for 80 students, and in year 13 we have capacity for 80 students. These are made up of both internal and external applicants
Admission Number for External Applicants	We accept both internal and external applicants on a first come first come basis. There is no additional limit for external applicants.

Academic Entrance Requirements	Applicants will be considered on an individual basis in accordance with the below academic requirements. To obtain a place on any level 3 course students must achieve 5 GCSE's at grade 4 including English and Maths. To obtain a place on the level 2 pathway students must achieve a grade 3 in English and Maths.
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Sixth Form Appeals	Appeals are administered by the Local Authority for this academy. Parents who wish to appeal against the decision to refuse their child admission should visit: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions Appeals are considered by an independent panel.
Fair Access Protocol	The Academy Trust of Washwood Heath Academy are 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 Academy Trust can give priority to a child where admission is requested under any locally agreed protocol. The Academy Trust have this power, even when admitting the child would mean exceeding the published admission number.

- No supplementary Information Form is used by Washwood Heath Academy.