

## Camden Community Primary School Admissions Criteria 2018/2019

Children should be admitted to a community primary school of their parents/ carers' preference where there is a place available. In the event of over-subscription to a community primary school, the following criteria will apply in the following order:

- a) Looked after children or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became the subject to an adoption, child arrangement, or special guardianship order.
- b) Applicants who have a brother or sister\* living at the same address on the school's roll when they join.

\*Sibling

Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the /carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as the sibling.

- c) Applicants whom the Authority accepts have an exceptional social or medical need for a place at the school in question. Parents / carers will need to submit a case supported by appropriate professional evidence from a doctor, social worker or similar professional. That evidence will need to support the link between the need to support the link between the need and the specific school.
  - d) Children whose parent is a qualified teacher teaching at the relevant school for two years or more at the time of application and / or children of a qualified teacher teaching at the relevant school who has been recruited to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
  - e) Distance measured in a straight line from the child's home to the centre of the school, using the local authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority.
- Proximity to schools is measured on a computerised mapping system of the area, measured in a straight line ('as the crow flies') between the property address to the centre of the school.
  - We will use the equal preference model for deciding which school is offered. This means that all school preferences are considered together and the admissions

criteria administered equally for all level (rank) of preference. The rank or order of preference will only be used if it is possible to offer more than one of the preferences. The highest ranked potential offer will be offered and the lower preferences will be automatically withdrawn.

If necessary, priority within b, c and d will be decided on by the distance criteria.

#### **Notes:**

In order to be given highest priority for admission, a child has to fall within the definition of 'looked after' in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989. As this Act applies to England and Wales, a child has to be looked after by an English or Welsh local authority in order to be given highest priority.

Paragraph 1.7 of the School Admissions Code 2014 gives equal highest priority to 'previously looked after children'. Given the definition of a looked after child, a child will have to have been looked after by an English or Welsh local authority in order to be considered previously looked after. Under paragraph 1.7 of the Code, a child has to have been looked after **immediately** before they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order.

Any offer of a place on the grounds of proximity is conditional on the child being resident at the address provided at the closing date for application. A business address, a child-minder's address, or any other address other than the child's home will not be accepted. Proof of address will be sought and may be subject to further investigation.

Children with a statement of special educational need / EHC plan that names the school will be allocated a place through a separate procedure, in accordance with the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice.

Multiple births: Key Stage 1 – If only one place is available at the school and the next child who qualifies for a place is one of multiple birth siblings, then all children will be offered a place at the same primary school. The additional child(ren) will be deemed as 'excepted' pupils under the KS1 class size legislation.

Multiple births: Key Stage 2 – If only one place is available at the school and the next child(ren) who qualifies for a place is one of multiple births then all children will be offered even if this exceeds the planned admission number.

Where one twin has a Statement of Special Educational Needs / Education, Health Care plan that names a specific school, the other twin will be treated as having a sibling link for that academic year.

In the minority of cases when applicants distance measurements are exactly the same, in blocks of flats for instance, the computer system will randomly order the priority of applicants.