



Determined Rushey Mead Academy Admissions Policy for 2017

For the 2016 admissions, Rushey Mead Academy will adopt the Leicester City Council admissions policy.

Rushey Mead Academy Admissions Policy for 2017 and subsequent years until further notice.

Rushey Mead is the first choice in education for many parents / carers. In recent years, we have been over-subscribed; we have more applicants for places than we have available in each year group. To find out more about Rushey Mead Academy, please read our prospectus which can be accessed on our website.

Year 7 Admissions for September 2017

INTRODUCTION

Rushey Mead Academy is its own admissions authority and as such is responsible for setting the criteria for admission and their interpretation; however, at all times it will act in accordance with the School Admission Code published by the Department for Education.

All parents wishing to apply for a place at Rushey Mead Academy should do so via Leicester City Council, the address of which is on their website. Parents have a right to express a preference for the school they want for their child. Applications are online via the Leicester City website and must be submitted to the Council by the specified date which is published annually, usually the end of October.

The Planned Admission Number (PAN) for the Academy is 312 per year group and will admit students up to this number.

A child with an Educational Health Care Plan, which names Rushey Mead Academy at Part 4 of that statement, will be admitted.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

Where the number of applications for places exceeds the number of places available, as specified by the Planned Admission Number, the following criteria, in priority order, will be applied to determine those children who will be offered a place:

1. Looked after Children

A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement, or special guardianship order. 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. Priority under this criterion will also be given to a formerly looked after child who has ceased to be so because they were adopted (under the Adoption and Children Act 2002) or became a subject to a residence order or special guardianship order (under the Children Act 1989).

2. Children who are the subject of child protection plans where an alternative school is necessary to avoid an abuser.

3. Children of parent who are fleeing domestic violence which can be verified by a senior social worker.
4. Children whose home address is in the catchment area of the Academy and there is already a sibling at the Academy and the sibling will still be at the Academy at the time of admission. Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, foster brother or sister or the child of the parent's / carer's partner where the School place sought is permanently living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.
5. Children whose home address is outside the catchment area of the Academy and there is already a sibling at the Academy and the sibling will still be at the Academy at the time of admission. Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, foster brother or sister or the child of the parent's / carer's partner where the School place sought is permanently living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.
6. Children whose home address is within the catchment area of the Academy.
7. Children whose home address is outside the catchment area of the Academy and who have requested a place.

Within each criterion, priority will be given to children living closest to the school. Distance will be measured on a straight line basis using a geographical information system from the GEO code reference point for the child's home address to the GEO Code reference point for Rushey Mead Academy.

Applicants living in the same block of flats will be regarded as living the same distance from the School. In the unlikely event that two or more children live in the same block of flats and in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last remaining place, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to determine which child shall be offered the place.

A child's home address is considered to be the residential property that is the child's only or main residence at the time of application. Where the parent / carers of that child have separated, the home address of the child will be regarded as the address at which the child sleeps for the majority of the weekdays.

Late applications

In the event of the Academy being oversubscribed, applications received after the closing date in October, which is published each year, will be dealt with after all on time applications.

Waiting List

In the event of over-subscription, the Academy holds a waiting list for places which may become available. All applications declined through the over-subscription process will be given the opportunity to be placed on the waiting list which will be maintained for the autumn term. Being

placed on the waiting list does not remove the applicant's right of appeal. It is important to note that the waiting list does not operate on a first come, first served basis and that places will be offered according to the over-subscription criteria if they become available.

Children who are allocated a place to the Academy in accordance with a Fair Access Protocol will take precedence over those on a waiting list. The Fair Access Protocol exists to ensure that access to education is secured quickly for children who have no school place but for whom a place in a mainstream school or alternative provision is appropriate.

In Year Admissions

All applications made outside of the normal year of entry should be made directly to the academy and will be administered by the governors in accordance with the criteria. If a place is available in the appropriate year group, then that will be offered. If no places are available the application will be refused, right of appeal offered and the child's name placed on the waiting list. The position on the waiting list is determined by the school's over subscription criteria.

On receipt of an in-year application, The Academy will notify Leicester City Council of both the application and its outcome, to allow the local authority to keep up-to-date figures on the availability of places in the area.

Rushey Mead Academy Appeal Timetable

Late Applications in the normal round or 'In Year' Applications

