



Admissions Policy

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ADMISSIONS POLICY

Wexham School is a Community school, within the Local Education Authority (LEA) of Slough.

The school's planned admission number for 2019 is 240.

Application Procedures

Parents who wish to apply for a place for their child at Wexham School must apply using the Common Application Form (CAF) that can be obtained from the Admissions and Access Team. If your child attends a Slough Primary school, the school will issue this form. The CAF is also available online.

Visit www.slough.gov.uk/admissions.

An Offer of a Place

An offer of a place at Wexham School will be sent in writing from the applicant's Local Education Authority.

Catchment Area

The catchment area is the geographical area served by a school.

For any admission category that is over-subscribed, applications will be prioritised by the distance from the home address to the school building. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including flats), to the main entrance of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

If you have any queries on catchment areas please contact the Admissions Access Team.

Admissions Access Team 01753 875725 lines open 1.00pm – 4.30pm Wednesday and Friday.

Siblings

Children are considered as siblings if they have brothers or sisters including step, adopted or foster brothers or sisters living in the same family unit and attending the school at the time the child is due to start the school. Please note that this does not apply if the older brother or sister joined the school at Sixth Form level, or if the older child is in year 11 at the time of application.

Strong Medical or social grounds for admissions

If you want us to consider your child for a place at school under this category, you must include supporting evidence from an independent professional person who is aware of the situation and supports your reasons. A panel including educational professionals will decide which children will be considered under this category before we make any allocations. We will not consider your application if you do not provide written independent evidence as we are not able to collect evidence on your behalf.

Can I choose the school my child attends?

By law parents are allowed to indicate which school they wish their child to attend and the Local Authority (LA) has a duty to meet this request if possible, but each school has a limited number of places available. If there are more applications than there are places available then it is not possible to provide a place for all those who apply.

Criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools

Children with a Statement of Educational Needs (SEN) that names a specific school must, by law, be admitted to that school. Any request for allocation of a place to a child who is in the care of the Local Authority or provided with accommodation in that authority in accordance with Section 20 or 37 of the Children's Act 1989 (Looked After Children), will be considered next.

After these two requirements have been satisfied the following criteria will apply. They are set out in descending order of priority:

- A) Children who live in the catchment area of the school
- B) Children who have strong medical, social grounds for admission. These reasons must be fully supported in writing from a professional person involved in the case, such as a doctor or social worker. This must show that the school requested, is the only school that the child can attend because of the medical or social needs. All documents must be submitted with the Common Application Form or with a printed copy of the on-line form if completed on-line.
- C) Children who have older brothers (s) or sister (s) at the school when the applicant would enter.
- D) Children who attend a Primary school that is formally linked with the secondary school (Wexham Court Primary School).
- E) Children whose parents have selected the school for co-educational reasons.
- F) All other applicants.

In some cases a tie-breaker will be required. If a school does not have places for all the children in one of the above criteria, places will be offered within that category according to which children live the closest to the school. The distance will be measured using the Slough Geographical Information System, which draws a straight line on a map, from the home-residence to the front door of the school, and calculates the distance.

Wexham School provides a number of places for pupils on the Autism Spectrum. Allocation of these places is decided by the Local Authority's SEN Panel and the School.