



Holyhead

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Secondary Schools Admissions Criteria 2021

HOLYHEAD SCHOOL

Milestone Lane, Holyhead Road, Birmingham B21 0HN

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Type: Academy Age range: 11–18

Published Admission Number: 210

Number on roll: 1307

Number on roll in Sixth Form: 251

DfE Number: 330 4241

Making a school application

How to apply for Year 7 in September

An application must be made online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

How to make an In-Year application

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/587/inyear_school_admissions

Previous admission pattern at the time of offer of places for Year 7

In 2019, 2020 and 2021 this school received more applications than there were places available.

- 2019 – 1229 preferences received ranking the school 1 – 6. Last child admitted lived 758 metres from the school
- 2020 – 909 preferences received ranking the school 1 – 6. Last child admitted lived 1037 metres from the school
- 2021 – 709 preferences received ranking the school 1 – 6. Last child admitted lived 1154 metres from the school

Admissions, Oversubscription and Selection

Where the number of applications is greater than the published admission number, all applications will be ranked using the oversubscription criteria.

Special Education Needs (SEN)

Any child with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that names the school in their plan must be admitted. This will reduce the number of places available to other applicants. This gives such children overall priority for admission, this is not an oversubscription criteria.

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Looked after or previously looked after children.
2. Children who at the time of admission have a sibling who attends the school.
3. Children of staff where there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Children who live nearest the school.

Admission Criteria Notes

Care

- A looked after child is a child/young person who is a) in the care of a local authority, or b) any child/young person who is subject to a Full Care Order, an interim Care Order, (in line with Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989) and children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).

Staff employed by the school

- Children that have a parent or step-parent, are legally adopted or fostered by a member of staff employed at the school. Staff refers to staff that have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made.

Siblings

- 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 are brought together as a family by a same sex civil partnership; 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.
- If children of multiple births (twins and triplets) and siblings require admission in the same year group and there is only a single place left within the published admission number, the Governing Body will offer places above the published admission number

Distance

- Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement from the applicant's home address and the School gate on Milestone Lane.
- The Local Authority uses a computerised system, which measures all distances in metres. Ordnance Survey supplies the coordinates that are used to plot an

applicant's home address within this system. Proof of address will be required by the school

- A child's home will be the address at which the child normally resides and which has been notified to the school and other relevant agencies as being the child's normal place of residence.

Admissions Information

Appeals

- Parents whose child is not offered a place at the School (provided they submitted the School as a preference) have a right of appeal to an independent panel. Parents should contact the school to submit an appeal.

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 school's/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.
- In addition to their right to appeal, children who have not been offered a place at this School but were offered a school that was ranked as a lower preference on their application form will be added to a waiting list.
- The school recognises its duty to admit any pupil who is the subject of a 'direction' by the LA or allocated to us according to the Fair Access Protocol and any such pupil will take precedence over the waiting list.

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 school 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 legal limit to be exceeded, the Local Authority will use a computerised system to randomly select the child to be offered the final place.

Link to school's admission policy

- Always check admissions/oversubscription criteria with the school for most up-to-date and exact wording of admissions/oversubscription criteria, by visiting the school website www.holyheadschool.org.uk