



The Sutton Academy

Admissions Policy

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Age Range: 11 – 18

Admission Number for Year 7 in September 2016: **240**

Number of Pupils on Roll, January 2017: **1216**

Admissions Policy and Arrangements for 2017/18

Procedures where The Sutton Academy is oversubscribed

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below. After the admission of pupils with Statements of Special Educational Needs, where The Sutton Academy is named on the Statement, the criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out below:

- a) *looked after children and previously looked after children;
- b) children from the following associated primary schools;
Eaves Primary
Robins Lane Community Primary
Sherdley Primary
Sutton Manor Community Primary
Sutton Oak CE Primary
Thatto Heath Community Primary
Willow Tree Primary
- c) children who have a brother or sister at the Academy at the time of likely admission. The brother or sister must be on the school roll in Years 7 – 11. This includes full, half or stepbrothers and sisters, adopted and foster brothers and sisters, or children of the parent/carer's partner and, in every case, who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit;
- d) children whose parents have expressed a preference for a place at the Academy.

* 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 (under Section 21(1) of the Children Act 1989). A previously looked after child is one who immediately moved on from that status after becoming subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.

Tie Break

In the event of any oversubscription in the number of applications made under any of the categories above, the Academy will offer places first to children whose family home is nearest the school. The measurement shall be done by the Local Authority in a straight line using a Geographical Information System (GIS) based on Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) data and the National Grid co-ordinates for the family home and the Academy.

Where the tie-break does not distinguish between applicants, eg children living in the same block of flats, random allocation will be used. This will be done by drawing lots and supervised by someone independent of the Academy.

Special Conditions for Twins (etc) Where the final place in a year group is offered to one of twins (or triplets etc), the Academy will not apply the tie-break as it will admit the other twin etc too, even if that means going above the admission number for the Academy.

Sixth Form Admission Arrangements for 2017/18

The Academy has capacity for up to 180 pupils in the sixth form.

In addition to the sixth form's minimum academic entry of 5 GCESs including C or above in Maths and English, pupils will need to satisfy minimum entrance requirements for the courses for which they are applying. If either internal or external applicants fail to meet the minimum course requirements, they will be given impartial advice and guidance and the option of pursuing any alternative courses for which they do meet the minimum academic requirements.

When there are more applicants that satisfy any academic entry requirements than the number of post 16 places available and after the admission of pupils with Statements of Special Educational Needs, where The Sutton Academy is named on the Statement, the criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out below:

- a) *looked after children and previously looked after children;
- b) children who have a brother or sister at the Academy at the time of likely admission. The brother or sister must be on the Academy roll in Years 7 – 11. This includes full, half or stepbrothers and sisters, adopted and foster brothers and sisters, or children of the parent/carer's partner and, in every case, who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit.
- c) other applicants who have expressed a preference for the Academy.

*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 (under Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). A previously looked after child is one who immediately moved on from that status after becoming subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.

Tie Break

In the event of any oversubscription in the number of applications made under any of the categories above, the Academy will offer places first to children whose family home is nearest the school. The measurement shall be done by the Local Authority in a straight line using a Geographical Information System (GIS) based on Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) data and the National Grid co-ordinates for the family home and the Academy.

Where the tie break does not distinguish between applicants, eg children living in the same block of flats, random allocation will be used. This will be done by drawing lots and supervised by someone independent of the Academy.

Appeals Procedure

There will be a right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel for internal pupils refused transfer and external applicants refused admission.

Appendix

How Places were allocated at The Sutton Academy for September 2016

The Academy was oversubscribed; therefore 240 places were allocated as shown in the table below:

Admission Number	Total Number of Applications: First, Second and Third Preferences	How Places were Allocated	Final Number of Places Allocated after Late Applications, Changes of Preference and Appeals
240	Total: 377 First Preference: 216 Second Preference: 99 Third Preference: 62	Looked After and Previously Looked After Children: 2 Associated Primary: 189 Brothers & Sisters: 8 Distance: 35	238

Please be aware that how places are allocated can substantially change from year to year.

This school has also been oversubscribed in previous years.