

## **Marden Primary School Admissions Policy**

We admit up to 40 children in September in each academic year.

The children are admitted in staggered groups over the first 2 weeks of term according to need. They attend full time from the day they are admitted.

If places are available, places are allocated according to parents' wishes.

When there is oversubscription, i.e. more demand than there are places, places at Marden School will be allocated by the County Council taking account of the following, in priority order:-

1. **Children in Local Authority Care (Looked After Children)** – a child under the age of 18 years for whom the local authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or who is the subject of a care order under Part IV of the Act.

**Previously Looked After Children** – these are children who immediately after being looked after by the local authority became subject to an adoption<sup>1</sup>, residence<sup>2</sup> or special guardianship order<sup>3</sup>.

2. **Current family association**, i.e. an elder brother or sister in the school at the time of entry
3. **Health and Special Access Reasons** – Medical, health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians' physical or mental health or social needs mean that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the particular school.
4. **Nearness of children's homes to school** - we use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school, measured in a straight line using Ordnance Survey address point data. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by Ordnance Survey. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody.

Parents who are unhappy with an admission decision to this school can appeal by writing to the Admissions Office and by following the advice given in their letters of communication from that office re allocation of places.

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<sup>1</sup> Under the terms of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. See Section 46 (adoption orders).

<sup>2</sup> Under the terms of the Children Act 1989. See Section 8 which defines a 'residence order' as an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live.

<sup>3</sup> See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).