

## **Leicester City Council admissions arrangements for admission to community and controlled secondary schools 2020/21**

These arrangements are for children starting secondary school for the first time within the normal admissions round who are applying for community and controlled schools in Leicester City. Fullhurst College and New College are both trust schools but will be following these arrangements for 2020/21.

### **Closing dates for applications and offer dates**

Parents may express up to three preferences of schools, in their order of preference. The closing date for applications is **31 October 2019**. Leicester City Council will coordinate all first time applications for secondary school places, irrespective of whether the council is the admissions authority. The single offer of a place will be sent by Leicester City Council on **1 March 2020**.

### **Oversubscription criteria**

Where a school receives fewer preferences than there are places available all pupils will be offered places. Where a school receives more applications than there are places available, the following oversubscription criteria will apply. Places will be allocated to pupils who have a statement of special educational needs or an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan which names the school before any other allocations are made. These allocations will reduce the number of places available

Criterion 1: Children in the care of a local authority within England or who were previously in the care of a local authority within England (see note 1).

Criterion 2: Children who were previously in care outside of England (see note 1)

Criterion 3: Pupils who have a serious medical condition or exceptional social or domestic needs that make it essential they attend the school requested (see note 2)

Criterion 4: Children whose home address is in the catchment area of the secondary school with a sibling at the school, who will still be on roll in Years 8 – 11 when the applicant starts school

Criterion 5: Children whose home address is outside the catchment area of the secondary school but has a sibling at the school, who will still be on roll in Years 8 – 11 when the applicant starts school (see note 3)

Criterion 6: Children whose home address is in the catchment area of the secondary school (see note 4)

Criterion 7: Children who are sons / daughters of staff working at the school for at least 2 years at the time of application (see note 5)

Criterion 8: Children whose home address is outside the catchment area of the secondary school and who have requested a place.

Within each criterion priority will be given to children living closest to the school, as measured on a straight line basis using a geographical information system measuring from the Geo-code reference point from the child's home address to the Geo-code reference point for the school.

Note 1: A "looked after" child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority in England, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in England, in the exercise of their social services function at the time of making an application to the school. A "previously looked after" child is a child who was looked after, either in England or outside\* of England, but ceased to be because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.

*\* Priority for previously looked after children outside of England is a **new** provision. This has been added ahead of it becoming a legal requirement as part of Central Governments future plans to revise the current School Admission Code (December 2014).*

Note 2: All schools in Leicester have experience in dealing with children with diverse social and medical needs. However, there may be exceptional cases where there are compelling reasons why it is essential they attend the school requested. A separate application to be considered under this category will need to be made. Please refer to the full guidance shown in the Leicester City coordinated scheme. .

Note 3: Sibling means a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister or child of the parent/carer's partner. In every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address. Siblings must be attending in years 8 to 11 at the point of entry.

In the case of twins, triplet or other children of multiple births, if the final place is offered to one child, and the remaining sibling(s) would ordinarily be refused, places will be offered to the remaining sibling(s).

Note 4: Home address” means the child’s permanent home address at the time of application. In the case of split households, it is the address of the person who receives the Child Benefit. ‘At the time of application’ means the closing date for applications. Informal accommodation arrangements with family and friends are not accepted unless there are very special circumstances and supporting proof is required. An address used for child care arrangements cannot be used as the home address for the purpose of applying for a school place.

Note 5: Admission authorities may give priority in their oversubscription criteria to children of staff in the following circumstances:

- Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for 2 or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made; and/or
- The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage

**Published admission numbers (PANs) for 2020/21 – community and controlled secondary schools**

School name	Published admission number
Beaumont Leys School	210
Crown Hills Community College	240
Hamilton Community College	240
Moat Community College	210
Sir Jonathan North Community College	240
Soar Valley College	255
City of Leicester College	240
The Lancaster School	240

**Published admission numbers (PANs) for 20120/21 – Fullhurst College and New College (trust schools)**

School name	Published admission number
Fullhurst College	300
New College	180