



ADMISSIONS POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The Head Teacher, based on the criteria drawn up by the Governing Body, implements the Admissions Policy. Please note: due to the limited availability of spaces, an application for a place at the school does not guarantee admission.

The Head Teacher makes all decisions regarding school admissions. This policy will apply to all admission to Thomas's Academy from September 2015, and to all Nursery admissions from September 2015.

Applications for admissions to the school will not be accepted before a child's second birthday. Children are admitted to the school after their third birthday, subject to the discretion of the Head Teacher.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

If there are more applications than places, preference will be given to children in the following order:

1. Children who are placed on the Local Authority Child Protection Register and/or in Public Care.
2. Children with a diagnosis of an exceptional educational, social or medical need for a particular school, your case must be supported by documented evidence from a doctor, health visitor, social worker or other health care professional, which must be submitted at the time of your original application. You will need to show why your preferred school is the only school that meets your child's medical or social need. The decision as to whether your child qualifies on medical or social grounds is made by the Head Teacher.
3. Children who have a brother or sister already in the school or leaving in the term immediately before younger sibling entry. If there are more children with siblings in the school than places available, places will be allocated according to the distance criteria outlined below.
4. Children who live closest to the School. (Postcode SW6 4LY). The proximity to this point will be measured in a direct line from the child's home post code using the distance on <http://www.freemaptools.com/distance-between-uk-postcodes.htm>

Applications will only be considered once proof of address and the child's birth certificate are provided.

Under present education law, there is no right of appeal if your child is unsuccessful in getting a place.

If there is a change of address during the period from offer to the child starting school, we must be informed in writing.

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