

Prendergast School

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PRENDERGAST SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

As determined by the Governing Board – 10th March 2015

Admission to Year 7

In September 2016 the Governors will admit 116 girls to the school's Year 7.

The school participates in Lewisham's co-ordinated admissions scheme. All applications should be made through the Local Authority of the applicant, using the appropriate co-ordinated admissions form or may be made online at: www.lewisham.gov.uk.

Applicants who wish to be considered for one of the music places available will be required to sit a test to determine their aptitude. On the basis of the test results a shortlist will be established and, if short-listed, applicants will be required to attend an audition. Should they not be successful they will automatically be considered for a place using any other relevant criteria.

Banding

The Governors of the school delegated responsibility to Lewisham Council who consulted on the banding arrangements for the school from 2016/17. As a result of the consideration of consultation and the recommendation of the Admissions Forum the school will no longer operate banding.

Admission Criteria

The admission number of girls to Years 7 is 116. If there are more applications than there are places available (over subscription), the Governors will have regard to the criteria listed below which will be applied in priority order.

1. Girls in Public Care as defined by Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989. This includes girls who are in care to a local authority in England or Wales or who are provided with accommodation by that authority as well as girls who were in care to a local authority in England or Wales, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.)
2. 10% of the intake will be selected on the basis of aptitude for music as judged by their test result and audition.
3. In exceptional cases, applicants with social and/or medical need will take priority over other applicants in 5 and 6 below. Consideration will only be given if the school has received supporting evidence from an appropriate professional (hospital consultant, social worker or similar professional), setting out why Prendergast School is the only school to meet the needs of the child or the specific needs of her family. The admission decision will be considered by the Governors' Admission Committee.
4. A sibling¹ on roll at the time of admission in September 2016.

For those places available after the above four criteria have been applied the criteria set out below will be applied:

¹ Siblings include all blood siblings, adoptive siblings, half-siblings, foster siblings of Looked After Children and step siblings. All siblings must live permanently at the same address as the qualifying sibling on roll. Proof of sibling relationship may be required.



5. The children of staff where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made.
6. Home to school distance. All distances will be measured to a nodal point in the school premises (North Door Park Site), using digitised mapping software of the area, from a nodal point in the applicant's permanent home address.
7. Waiting lists will be held in the same order as the admission criteria.

Applicants who wish to demonstrate their aptitude for music should complete the relevant section of the Additional Information Sheet.

Tie Break

Where the offer of places to all the applicants in any one of the sub-categories listed above will lead to over-subscription, the places up to the admission number will be offered to those living nearest to the school.

For information

Parents and children who intend applying for a place are invited to attend at least one of the Open Day sessions held in September. A tour of the school will be available, together with the opportunity of meeting the teaching staff and there will be an address by the Headteacher in the school hall. It is on these occasions that the school's prospectus and current examination results will be available.

Additional Information Sheets for music applicants and applicants seeking consideration under the social or medical criterion will be supplied by the school to parents with the prospectus. These documents can be collected from the school at any one of the open day sessions in September, or can be posted on request. The form is also available from the school's web site. **Additional Information Sheets for music applications should be returned directly to the school by 28th September 2015. Applications for social or medical places should be returned directly to the school by 30th October 2015.**

Please Note

In order that their application may be considered properly parents are reminded that they should do the following:

1. Complete an Additional Information form and return it directly to the school if they are applying for a music or social and medical place.
2. Check that they have submitted evidence of their daughter's social or medical need if appropriate.

Appeals

Under the Schools Standard and Framework Act the Governing Board of the school has to make appeal arrangements for parents who wish to appeal against their daughter not receiving an offer of admission to the school.

Parents may appeal against the Governors' decision. Appeal forms are available on request from the school office. In 2015 there were 18 appeals; 0 was successful.

Transfer from Year 11 and application for admission to Year 12 (Sixth Form at Prendergast School)

Prendergast School provides education for students aged 11 to 19. The continuity of this provision has been given extra emphasis by the 2003 White Paper "14-19 Opportunity and Excellence". Year 12 is open therefore to all our Year 11 pupils, although they must attain the relevant requirements. Some provision may be shared with other institutions on a reciprocal basis.



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Prendergast's Year 12 & 13 education is provided primarily for its 16 year aged pupils transferring at Year 11 and students from Prendergast Ladywell School and Prendergast Vale School. However with an exceptionally wide post 16 curriculum, not all subject groups are fully subscribed in any particular year and places not taken up by students from the school will be open to external applicants.

If there are more applications than there are places available the following over- subscription criteria will be applied in order of priority:

1. Students in Public Care as defined by Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989. This includes students who are in care to a local authority in England or Wales or who are provided with accommodation by that authority as well as students who were in care to a local authority in England or Wales, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.)
2. A sibling is on roll on the closing date for application and is expected to be on roll at the time of admission in September 2016. Siblings include all blood siblings, adoptive siblings, half-siblings, foster siblings of Looked After Children and step siblings. All siblings must live permanently at the same address as the qualifying sibling on roll. Proof of sibling relationship may be required.
3. Home to school distance. All distances will be measured to a central nodal point in the school premises (park site), using digitised mapping software of the area, from a nodal point in the applicant's permanent home address.
4. Admissions authorities may give priority in their oversubscription criteria to the children of staff where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made.



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