



PRENDERGAST VALE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

As determined by the Governing Board – 9th March 2016

SECTION A: ADMISSION TO PRIMARY PHASE

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.

Admission to Reception Class

In September 2017, the Governors will admit 30 children to the Reception class of Prendergast Vale School.

Admission Criteria

If there are more applications than there are places available (over-subscription), Governors will have regard to the criteria listed below which will be applied in priority order:

1. Children in Public Care as defined by Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989. This includes children who are in care to a local authority in England or Wales or who are provided with accommodation by that authority as well as children who were in care, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.)
2. In exceptional cases, there is discretion to admit children on the grounds of their or their family's acute medical or social need for the school and who would not otherwise qualify for admission. 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 Vale School is the only school to meet the needs of the child or the specific needs of the child's family. The admission decision will be considered by the Governors' Admission Committee. Supporting evidence must be provided before the closing date for applications.
3. A child whose sibling is on roll, in Key Stages 1 and 2 only, of the school on the closing date for applications and is expected to be on roll, within these key stages, at the intended date of admission. Children in Year 6 who will have transferred to Year 7 by the time the younger child is admitted do not confer sibling¹ priority. If the school is oversubscribed entirely with siblings, priority will be given to those with an exceptional social or medical need and then those who are permanently living nearest to the school.
4. 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.
5. Home to school distance. All distances will be measured to a central nodal point in the school premises, using digitised mapping software of the area, from a nodal point in the applicant's permanent home address.
6. Waiting lists will be held in the same order as the admission criteria.

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 role. Proof of the sibling relationship may be required.

Twins, triplets and other multiple births

Where twins, triplets or children from other multiple births qualify for the last school place to be allocated the school will admit all of the qualifying siblings in excess of the published admissions limit and they will be considered as 'excepted pupils'²

Timing of Admission to Reception Class

There will be one point of entry for Reception class. Children born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 will be expected to accept a full time Reception place starting in September 2017.

SECTION B: ADMISSION TO SECONDARY PHASE

Admission to Year 7

In September 2017 the Governors will admit 120 children to Year 7 of Prendergast Vale School. 30 children on roll in Year 6 at the school will be entitled to transfer to Year 7.

Banding

The Governors of the school had delegated responsibility to Lewisham Council who consulted on the banding arrangements for the school from 2016/17 onwards. Lewisham Council has ceased to administer their borough wide banding arrangements. The school will use home to school distance as set out in Admission Criteria 5.

Admission Criteria

The admission number of children to Year 7 is 120. 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 in offering places within each band of ability:

1. Children in Public Care as defined by Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989. This includes children who are in care to a local authority in England or Wales or who are provided with accommodation by that authority as well as children who were in care, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.)
2. In exceptional circumstances there is discretion to admit children on the grounds of their or their family's acute medical or social need for the school and who would not otherwise qualify for admission. 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 the reasons why Prendergast Vale School is the only school to meet the child's needs or the specific needs of the child's family. The admission decision will be considered by the Governors' Admission Committee. Supporting evidence must be provided before the closing date for applications.
3. A sibling³ is on the roll of the secondary phase of the school on the closing date for applications and is expected to be on roll at the time of admission in September 2016.
4. 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.
5. Home to school distance. All distances will be measured to a central nodal point in the school premises, using digitised mapping software of the area, from a nodal point in the applicant's permanent home address.
6. Waiting lists will be held in the same order as the admission criteria.

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.

² (Extract from Lewisham's determined policy for 2016/17.)

³ 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 role. Proof of the sibling relationship may be required.

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/October. A tour of the school will be available, together with the opportunity to meet 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.

Please Note

In order that their application may be considered properly parents are reminded that they should check that they have submitted evidence of their child'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 child 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 2016 there were X appeals; X 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 Year 11 pupils of Prendergast School, although they must attain the relevant requirements. Some provision may be shared with other institutions on a reciprocal basis.

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.