

Redstone Academy Admissions Policy

Introduction

Redstone Academy is a Year 7 to Year 11 school. It has a catchment area that includes the local area and the wider Birmingham area. The school is situated in inner city Birmingham close to the inner ring road system. It will be able to accommodate 150 children from the catchment area, and is under increasing pressures from oversubscription in lower year groups. It had proposed a comprehensive admission arrangement for 2016 with the intention of giving priority to families with closest links to the school and the community.

Starting School

Children start at Redstone Academy in the September of the academic year. During the spring and summer terms arrangements will be made for both parents and children to visit the school to be introduced to the school, the staff and the organisation of the school. An evening is arranged for parents to come and their child to visit our school. The evening will focus on both the curriculum and the welfare of the new children. This is also an opportunity for parents to discuss with staff any worries or concerns they may have over their child's entry to school. The children also have an opportunity to visit the school during the summer when they will meet their teachers and see the classroom where they will start their school career.

If your child has a disability he or she will be treated no less favourably than other applicants for admission. We make reasonable adjustments to ensure that pupils with disabilities are not placed at a substantial disadvantage.

Applying for a school place

We have an open admission policy and welcome children from a wide range of backgrounds, abilities and cultures.

To apply for a place at Redstone Academy, an admission form must be completed. Admission forms can be obtained from the school office. Once we receive the completed form, the following process is started:

1. You are informed if a place is available.
2. If a place is not available, you may retain your child's name on our waiting list. In this case, you will be contacted when a place becomes available. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date.
3. If a place is available, you will be asked to provide the following:
 - Previous reports, where appropriate
 - Copy of your child's birth certificate and passport
4. You will be given an appointment to bring your child to school to undertake an entry test.
5. You will be informed within 5 working days of the results of this entry test.
6. If your child has passed the entry test, a second appointment is made to meet the Head Teacher or Head of Section. It is essential that your child attends this meeting along with you. This is part of the entry process.
7. Assuming that the second appointment is successful, you are then invited to sign a school acceptance agreement.
8. Once the school acceptance agreement is signed, you will be required to pay the registration fee. This must be paid within 5 days of signing the school acceptance agreement. Failure to do so may result in the position being withdrawn.

Priorities in placing children

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to determine which children to admit:

1. Children with a brother or sister who will still be attending the academy when they themselves start in September.
2. Families who have strong links to the community and school.
3. Where there are exceptional educational reasons for admitting the child.
4. Entry test scores.

A waiting list will be established where numbers exceed places available and priority of admittance will be in accordance with the above criteria.

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