



Determined Birmingham School Admission Criteria 2023-2024

School name	Walmley Junior School
School address	Walmley Ash Road, Sutton Coldfield B76 1JB
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Admission Number:	90

	<p>The school admits 90 children into Year 3 each September. Places are given in the first instance to all children transferring from Walmley Infant School.</p> <p>Parents should note that admissions to Walmley Infant School will not result in automatic admission to Walmley Junior School for older siblings. The admission of older siblings will be dependent on a place being available if they are entitled under the admissions criteria.</p> <p>Where further applications for admissions exceed the number of places within Year groups, the following over-subscription criteria will be applied to decide which children are admitted:</p>
In-Year Oversubscription Criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Looked After Children LAC, children who have been previously looked after PLAC and Internationally Adopted and previously Looked After Children IAPLAC. (pursuant to the Admissions Code).
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Children with siblings already at the school or still at Walmley Infant School ('The Local Authority's 'Sibling' definition has been adopted'). Priority will only be given if siblings will still be in attendance at the date of admission.
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Where there are medical grounds (supported by a Doctor's Certificate).
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Proximity of child's home to school measured by straight line distance (the Local Authority's 'Distance' definition has been adopted). Distances are calculated from the applicant's home address to the school office. In cases of shared responsibility 'the home' will be determined as the address where the child lives the majority of the week. In cases where it is not possible to decide between applications i.e. where the address is the same (e.g. twins, blocks of flats), the local authority will use a computerised system to randomly select the child to be offered the final place. Proof of address to be provided.
	<p>Within each of these categories, priority is given to those who live nearest the school, calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the applicant's home address and the school office.</p>
Transfer to Year 3 Oversubscription Criteria	<p>Parents with a child attending Walmley Infant School in Year 2 who would like their child to transfer to Walmley Junior School in Year 3 will be required to complete their Local Authority Preference Form for a place at the school.</p> <p>Where there are more applications than places available the following over-subscription criteria will apply;</p>

	1. Looked After Children LAC, children who have been previously looked after PLAC and Internationally Adopted and previously Looked After Children IAPLAC. (pursuant to the Admissions Code).
	2. Children on register at Walmley Infant School at the end of Year 2.
	3. Children with siblings already at the school or still at Walmley Infant School ('The Local Authority's 'Sibling' definition has been adopted'). Priority will only be given if siblings will still be in attendance at the date of admission.
	4. Where there are medical grounds (supported by a Doctor's Certificate).
	5. Proximity of child's home to school measured by straight line distance (the Local Authority's 'Distance' definition has been adopted). Distances are calculated from the applicant's home address to the school office. In cases of shared responsibility 'the home' will be determined as the address where the child lives the majority of the week. In cases where it is not possible to decide between applications i.e. where the address is the same (e.g. twins, blocks of flats), the local authority will use a computerised system to randomly select the child to be offered the final place. Proof of address to be provided.
	Within each of these categories, priority is given to those who live nearest the school, calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the applicant's home address and the school office.
Children with a statement of special educational needs/EHC Plan	Any child with a statement of special educational needs/Education Health and Care Plan is required to be admitted to the school that is named in the statement/plan. This gives such children overall priority for admission to the named academy. This is not an oversubscription criterion.
Looked after or previously looked after children or Internationally adopted or previously looked after children	A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including those who appear [to the admission authority] to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). 90 An adoption order is an order under the Adoption Act 1976 (see Section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see Section 46 adoption orders). A 'child arrangements order' is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 as amended by Section 14 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).
Sibling	Siblings (brothers or sisters) are considered to be those children who live at the same address and either: i. has one or both natural parents in common; or ii. are related by a parent's marriage; or iii. are adopted or fostered by a common parent. Unrelated children living at the same address, whose parents are living as partners, are also considered to be siblings. Children not adopted or fostered or related by a parent's marriage or with one natural parent in common, who are brought together as a family by a same sex civil partnership and who are living at the same address, are also considered to be siblings. Children with a brother or sister attending either Walmley Infant School or Walmley Junior School are classed as siblings.
Medical Grounds	The parent/carer must send the supporting evidence from a professional e.g. a Doctor's Certificate directly to Walmley Junior School.
Distance	Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the applicant's home address basis and the school office. The Local Authority uses a computerised system, which

	measures all distances in metres. Ordnance Survey supply the co-ordinates that are used to plot an applicant's home address and the address of the school.
Shared Responsibility	Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives with both parents for part of the week, then the main residence will be determined as the address where the child lives the majority of the week. Parents may be requested to supply documentary evidence to support the address used.
Final Qualifier	<p>In a very small number of cases it may not be possible to decide between the applications of those pupils who are the final qualifiers for a place, when applying the published admission criteria.</p> <p>For example, this may occur when children in the same year group live at the same address, or if the distance between the home and academy is exactly the same, for example, blocks of flats. If there is no other way of separating the application according to the admissions criteria and to admit both or all of the children would cause the Published Admission Number for the child's year group to be exceeded, the Local Authority will use a computerised system to randomly select the child to be offered the final place.</p> <p>In the event of this occurring with twins or other multiple birth applicants, academies will be asked to admit over their Published Admission Number to accommodate the pupils.</p>
In Year Applications	Applications made outside the normal admissions round (in-year admissions) should be made directly to the academy. Parents/carers can apply for a place for their child at any time and to any academy. On receipt of an in-year application, the academy will notify the local authority of both the application and its outcome, to allow the local authority to keep up to date with figures on the availability of academy places in Birmingham.
Appeals	<p>Appeals are administered by the Local Authority for this Academy. Parents who wish to appeal against the decision to refuse their child admission should visit: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions</p> <p>Appeals are considered by an Independent Panel.</p>
Waiting list	Waiting lists are held in strict oversubscription criteria order for every year group until at least the first term of each academic year. Each child added will require the list to be ranked again in line with the oversubscription criteria.
Deferred Entry/Applications for children to be admitted into a class outside their normal Year group	<p>Deferred Entry</p> <p>Parents can request that the date their child is admitted to school is deferred until later in the academic year or until the term in which the child reaches compulsory school age.</p> <p>Applications for children to be admitted into a class outside their normal Year group</p> <p>Parents have the right to request, but not insist, that their child be considered for admission to a class outside of their normal age group. This could be the case, for example, if a child is gifted and talented, has experienced problems such as ill health, or that the child is summer born, i.e. a child born between 1st April and 31st August. Parents who wish for their child to be considered for admission to a class outside of their normal age group must make an application for the normal age group in the first instance. Parents must then submit a formal request to the Governing Body for the child to be considered for a different age group class instead. This request should be in the form of a written letter of application outlining the reasons why they wish for their child to be considered to be admitted into a class outside of their normal age group and enclosing any supportive evidence and documentation that they wish to be taken into account as part of that request.</p> <p>The Governing Body will consider requests submitted for a child to be admitted into a class outside of their normal age group and advise parents of the outcome of that request before national offer day, having taken into account the information provided by the parents, the child's best interests and the views of the Head Teacher.</p> <p>If the request is refused, the original application for the normal age group class will progress through the Local Authority co-ordinated admissions scheme, be considered by the Governing Body and the parents advised of the outcome.</p>

	<p>If the request is agreed and the year group for which the parents have requested a place is a current year group in the school, then the application will be considered by the Governing Body and the parents advised of the outcome.</p> <p>If the request is agreed and the year group for which the parents have requested a place is for a future year group, i.e. Year 3 in September 2024, then the original application is withdrawn and the parents must submit a fresh application for Year 3 in 2024 when applications open in the autumn term of 2023. Please note that parents only have the right to re-apply for a place. Where the Governing Body agrees to consider an application for Reception the following year, that application is considered alongside all other applications received and parents will be advised of the outcome of that application on national offer day. No place is reserved or held for the child in advance.</p> <p>If parents are considering submitting an application for their child to be admitted into a class outside of their normal age group, it is strongly recommended that they also read the DFE guidance which can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/summer-born-children-school-admission</p>
Fair Access Protocol	<p>The Governing body of Walmley Junior School is committed to taking its fair share of children who are vulnerable and/or hard to place, as set out in locally agreed protocols. Accordingly, outside the normal admission round the Governing Body is able to give priority to a child where admission is requested under any locally agreed protocol. The Governing Body has this power, even when admitting the child would mean exceeding the published admission number subject.</p>

* No supplementary information form is used at Walmley Junior School