

**Determined: Birmingham School Admission Criteria September 2021**

School name	<b>Heartlands Academy</b>		
School address	Great Francis Street, Nechells, Birmingham, B7 4QR		
Head of School	Miss Jenny Clegg	Tel no:	0121 464 3931
Admission Number	150		

	<p>Any child with a statement of SEN/ Education Health and Care Plan is required to be admitted to the school that is named in the statement. This gives any such child overall priority for admission to the named school. This is not an oversubscription criterion.</p> <p>Where there are more applications than there are places available, places will be allocated based on the following order of priority:</p>
<b>Procedures where Heartlands Academy is oversubscribed</b>	<p>1. Looked after or previously looked after children.</p> <p>A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement, or special guardianship order. 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). In the case of previously looked after children, admission authorities may request a copy of the adoption order, child arrangement order or special guardianship order and a letter from the local authority that last looked after the child confirming that he or she was looked after immediately prior to that order being made.</p> <p>2. Children (siblings) with a brother or sister already at the school and who will still be in attendance at the time the sibling enters the school. Siblings (brothers or sisters) are considered to be those children who live at the same address and either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. have one or both natural parents in common;</li> <li>or ii. are related by a parent's marriage;</li> <li>or iii. are adopted or fostered by a common parent.</li> </ul> <p>Unrelated children living at the same address, whose parents are living as partners, are also considered to be siblings.</p> <p>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. Separate boys' and girls' schools are not considered to be linked for the purposes of sibling claims.</p> <p>3. Children who attend Nechells Primary E-ACT Academy.</p> <p>4. Children who live nearest the school</p> <p>Within each of these categories, priority is given to those who live nearest to the school.</p>

	<p>For these purposes, distances are calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the applicant's home address and the front gates of the school. 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.</p> <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 where there are twins, or if the distance between the home and school 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, schools will be asked to admit over their Published Admission Number to accommodate the pupils.</p>
<p><b>Home addresses</b></p>	<p>A pupil's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence and is either;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Owned by the child's parent(s), or the person with parental responsibility for the child;</li> <li>• Leased to or rented by the child's parent(s), or the person with parental responsibility under lease or written rental agreement of not less than twelve months duration.</li> </ul> <p>Evidence of ownership or rental agreement may be required, plus proof of permanent residence at the property concerned.</p> <p>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 Proposed 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 for the secondary transfer process.</p> <p>If a school place is offered on the basis of an address that is subsequently found to be different from a child's normal and permanent home address, then that place is liable to be withdrawn.</p> <p>The final closing date for change of address is 31 October 2020</p>
<p><b>Change of Preference</b></p>	<p>Parent/carers can change their order of preferences as many times as they wish up to the final closing date of 31 October 2020, after this date all changes of preferences will be processed after the offer of places on 1 March 2021.</p>

<p><b>Late Applications</b></p>	<p>Birmingham Local Authority will only consider applications received after the final closing date in exceptional circumstances. The Local Authority will use its discretion when considering the individual circumstances. For example where;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were exceptional reasons which prevented the parent/carer from applying by the closing date; or</li> <li>• A child and the person with parental responsibility has moved home.</li> </ul> <p>Any applications received after the final closing date, without exceptional reason, will only be considered for places after other applications received on time. Such applicants may be less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools.</p> <p>Once Birmingham Local Authority has exchanged provisional offers with other admitting authorities (in December 2020) it will not be able to consider any late applications for an oversubscribed school until after the offer of places (1 March 2021)</p>
<p><b>Waiting lists and Appeals</b></p>	<p>Parents whose children have not been offered their preferred school will be informed of their right of appeal.</p> <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 <a href="http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a></p> <p>Children will also be added to the school's waiting list in accordance to the oversubscription criteria.</p>
<p><b>In Year Applications</b></p>	<p>Applications made outside the normal admissions round (in-year admissions) should be made directly to the school. Parents/carers can apply for a place for their child at any time and to any school.</p> <p>On receipt of an in-year application, the school 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 school places in Birmingham.</p>

\*No supplementary information form is used by Heartlands Academy