

Challney High School for Girls

The Chiltern Learning Trust is consulting on changes to its admission arrangements for all of its schools for admissions in 2019 onwards.

What we are proposing:

In essence all the schools will have a standardised policy. The highest priority will be given to children who are looked after or who were previously looked after (i.e. in care) which all academies and schools have to do. This element of the proposed admissions criteria has not changed.

The second highest criterion will be given to children whose parent is a staff member at the school they wish to apply for (please see definitions in the Admissions Arrangements document). This is so as a Trust we can attract and retain good quality staff and assist with logistics for their own children getting to school.

The third criterion will be given to children living in catchment who have siblings at the school and the fourth criterion to children living in the catchment without a sibling at the school.

The fifth criterion will prioritise those children living outside of the catchment area with a sibling at the school and the final criterion will be for those children who do not meet any of the above criteria and will therefore be prioritised according to their straight line distance from their home address to the school site, with those living closer being afforded higher priority.

Please see the table below for a comparison of the current admissions criteria and the proposed for admissions in September 2019:

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	Current Admissions Criteria	Proposed Admissions Criteria 2019
1	Looked After and Previously Looked After Children	Looked After and Previously Looked After Children
2	Catchment	Children of staff
3	Medical needs	Catchment siblings
4	Siblings	Catchment
5	Children of staff	Siblings
6	Straight line distance	Straight line distance

Why are we removing the medical needs criterion?

Children with a statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan who have medical needs are provided for through their statement or plan and are allocated a place at a school ahead of the admissions process and many other medical needs or conditions would not usually require admission to a specific school as all schools can usually provide for children who require support or assistance.