

Determined Birmingham School Admission Criteria December 25

School name	Rookery School		
School address	Rookery Road, Birmingham, B21 9PY		
Headteacher	Seema Samuel	Tel no:	0121 464 4221
Admission Number	60		

Criteria	1. Looked after (LAC) or previously looked after children (PLAC), including those who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted, referred to as internationally adopted previously looked after children (IAPLAC)
	2. Brothers or sisters (as defined by the Local Authority) of children at Rookery School in the year of admission.
	3. Attendance at Rookery Nursery
	4. Distance
	Children with a statement of special educational needs Any child with a statement of special educational needs/Education Health and Care Plan is required to be admitted to the academy 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. Definition of looked after 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 arrangement order, or special guardianship order. This includes any child / young person who is subject to a Full Care Order, an interim Care Order, accommodated under Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, is remanded or detained into Local Authority accommodation under Criminal Law or who has been placed for adoption. 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, 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.

Sibling Definition

Children (siblings) with a brother or sister already at the school who will 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:

- i. have 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.

Distance – Home to school measurements

Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight line measurement between the applicant's home address and the centre point of the school. Birmingham Local Authority uses a computerised system called Cartology, which measures all distances in metres. Ordnance Survey supply the co-ordinates that are used to plot an applicant's home address within this system.

Shared Responsibility

Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives with both parents for part of the week, the child's main residence will be determined as the address where the child lives for the majority of the week. Parents may be requested to supply documentary evidence to support the address used.

Separating "final qualifier" applications (blocks of flats etc)

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. 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 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 legal limit to be exceeded, the local authority will use a computerised system to randomly select the child to be offered the final place.

	Deferred Entry 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. Parents can also request that their child takes up the place part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age. Waiting list A waiting list will be held in strict oversubscription criteria order until at least the first term of the academic year. Each child added to the waiting list will require the list to be ranked again in line with the oversubscription criteria. 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 school. 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. Appeals Please contact the Governance Professional via the School.
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* No Supplementary Information form is used by Rookery School

Schools are obliged to formally 'agree' their admission arrangements at a Board of Trustees meeting for the next academic year by January 2026