

Consultation on Admission Arrangements

Droylsden Academy

September 2026

Introduction

Droylsden Academy is carrying out a consultation on its admission arrangements for **September 2026**.

Admission arrangements are the overall procedure, practices and oversubscription criteria used in deciding the allocation of school places. The consultation is being carried out by the Governing Body of Droylsden Academy who are the school's Admission Authority.

Proposed Changes

From September 2026, Droylsden Academy is proposing that the oversubscription criterion giving preference to children of staff employed at the school, currently at fifth place in the identified list of criteria, is moved up to position four. As at present, this criteria will apply when a parent has been employed by Governors as a member of staff on a permanent contract for two consecutive years or, at the time at which the application is made to the school, the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Proposed oversubscription criteria for admissions from September 2026 onwards

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admissions' number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below.

After the admission of students with statements of Special Educational Needs where the Academy is named on the statement, the criteria will be applied in the following order:

1. Looked After Children.
2. Children and families with exceptional medical or social needs.
3. Sibling: This will apply where there are brothers or sisters attending the school at the time of application, who will still be attending at the time of admission, i.e. in the September when the student is admitted to Year 7. Preference will be given to students living nearest to the school.

The sibling criteria will apply where, at the time of application, an older sibling is expected to be on roll when a younger child starts at the Academy. If the older sibling unexpectedly leaves the school after an offer has been made to a younger child the offer of a place would not be withdrawn on these grounds.

4. Children of staff: This will apply where
 - a) A member of staff has been employed by the Governors of the school on a permanent contract for 2 consecutive years or
 - b) At the time at which the application is made to the school, the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
5. Children attending named partner primary schools at the time of application. Preference will be given to students living nearest to the school.
6. All other applications on distance. In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more applications where this distance would be the last place/s to be allocated, the place will be allocated to the student that is nearer using walking distance as measured using the Local Authority's school admission data mapping software.

Consultation

The consultation on these proposed changes will run for six school weeks from Friday 8th November to Friday 20th December.

Please send any comments you may have in writing or by email to:

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