

MURRAY PARK SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2017/2018

Status of the school

Murray Park is an 11-16 Foundation School. This means that the Governing Body retain ownership of the school and is the employer of the staff.

Admission arrangements

Applications for admission will be considered from pupils, who are aged 11, without reference to aptitude or ability.

The admission number for September 2017 is 220, in line with the physical capacity of the school.

Priority for admission will be given to children whose parents have requested a place using the Common Application Form obtained from the Local Authority the child is resident in.

If the number of applications exceeds the number of places then the following criteria will apply, in order of importance:

1. A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order⁶⁷. 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).
2. Those living in the defined "normal catchment" area (map available)
3. Siblings of those students who will be attending the school at the date of admission – in order of proximity
4. Proximity to the school

In cases of a tiebreaker for applications of equal strength, preference will be given to the applicant with the shorter proximity to the school measured by the shortest available route from the home to the main school entrance. The route will be measured by straight lines using the National Ordnance Survey set points.

Siblings are defined as brothers and sisters who are either a blood relative or are a sibling by legal adoption or fostering. Brothers and sisters must be living at the same address.

Parents of children not offered a place will be informed of their right of appeal to an independent appeal panel.

In cases where an appeal is unsuccessful, the governors will not accept a further appeal during the same academic year unless there are significant and/or material changes in circumstances of the child, or the school for which supporting documentary evidence will be required.

The school will observe the locally agreed Fair Access Protocols which may take precedence over the above criteria.