



WELLING SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS POLICY SEPTEMBER 23 ENTRY
ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 7

Arrangements for applications for places in Year 7 at Welling School will be made in accordance with Bexley's co-ordinated admission arrangements; parents resident in Bexley can apply online [here](#); parents resident in other areas must apply through their home local authority. Welling School will use Bexley's timetable published online for these applications and Bexley will make the offers of places as required by the School Admissions Code.

Published Admission Number (PAN)

The PAN for Year 7 is 300. If there are fewer applicants than places available all applicants will be admitted.

Special Educational Needs

Any child with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the academy will be admitted.

Oversubscription Criteria

If there are more applications than places available we will apply the oversubscription criteria listed below:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children. 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) at the time of making an application to a school. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order). Previously looked after children also includes those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Siblings in school at the time of proposed entry, other than where the older sibling started at the school in the 6th Form. Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.
3. Distance. Priority will be given to those children living nearest to the school from the child's home address at the time of place allocation. Distance to the school is measured by straight-line distance, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system.

Where a child lives normally during the school week with more than one parent at different addresses, the permanent home address for the purposes of school admissions will be the one closest to the school entrance on Elsa Road.



Tie-break

If the distance criterion is not sufficient to distinguish between two or more applicants for the last remaining place then random allocation will be used. This process will be supervised by somebody independent of the school.

Multiple Births

In the case of twins or other multiple births, where there is only one place available in the school, both will be considered together as one application. The school will be allowed to go above its admission number for this purpose.

Fraudulent or Misleading Applications

As an admission authority we have the right to investigate any concerns we may have about your application and to withdraw the offer of a place if we consider there is evidence that you have made a fraudulent claim or provided misleading information, for example a false address was given which denied a place to a child with a stronger claim. We reserve the right to check any address and other information provided so we can apply the oversubscription criteria accurately and fairly.

Fair Access Protocol

Local Authorities are required to have Fair Access Protocols in order to make sure that unplaced, vulnerable children are offered a place at a suitable school as quickly as possible. The school will comply with Bexley's Fair Access Protocol. This may mean admitting children above the PAN.

Admission of Children outside their Normal Age Group

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. It is important for parents to note that they will have responsibility for providing evidence to support their request.

If parents wish for their child to be considered for admission to a year group which is outside their normal age group, then they must:

- a) Complete the LA common application form or the in-year admission form, as appropriate
- b) Attach a letter outlining reasons for the request and all supporting letters and/or documentary evidence in support of the application.

Welling School will make decisions on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned.

This will include taking account of:

- the parent's views;
- any available information about the child's academic, social and emotional development;
- where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional;
- whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group;
- any evidence that the child may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely;
- the views of the head teacher.



In-year admissions

Welling School coordinates its own in year admissions and parents should contact the school office for an application form. Parents will be notified of the outcome of their application within 15 days and details about the right to appeal will be provided if a place cannot be offered.

Waiting List

Any child refused a place at the school will automatically be put on the waiting list unless a higher preference school has been offered. A waiting list will be maintained until 31 December. If you would like your child to be placed on the waiting list thereafter you will need to contact the school in writing.

The waiting list is maintained in the order of the oversubscription criteria. This means that names can move down the list if, e.g. someone moves into the area and is higher placed under the oversubscription criteria.

ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 12

Academic Entry Criteria

The minimum qualification for entry into the Sixth Form to study an academic pathway (3 or more A Level subjects) is 5 GCSEs at grades 9-5. For a mixed pathway (a combination of A Level and Level 3 courses) the minimum qualification is 5 GCSEs at grades 9-4. Students applying for an applied pathway (3 Level 3 BTEC/OCR or vocational subjects) must have achieved 4 GCSEs grades 9-4. If an applicant meets these criteria they will be eligible for consideration for a sixth form place. All students in the current Year 11 at Welling School who meet the academic entry criteria will continue into the Sixth Form, if they wish.

Please also note that there are specific individual minimum entry requirements for each subject, which can be found on our website. Welling School cannot guarantee an offer of a place on specific courses. Applicants who meet the sixth form entry requirements but who cannot be accommodated in their preferred subjects will be offered an alternative course.

PAN

A minimum of 20 places will be filled by eligible external applicants to the Sixth Form provided sufficient applications are received.

External applicants should complete the on-line application form on the Welling School website. Students are entitled to apply in their own right. All application forms must be completed and returned by the start of the Spring Term.

Oversubscription Criteria for External Applicants

If there are more applications than places available, offers will be made in the order of the oversubscription criteria listed above.



Appeals

The parents (and/or in the case of a sixth form place, the student) of any child refused a place at the school have a right to appeal to an independent appeal panel. The decision of the independent appeal panel is binding on all parties.

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