

West Wycombe Combined School Admissions Policy

Once places have been allocated to children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs, the remaining places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Children in **care** (a child or young person who is looked after by the Local Authority. This covers accommodated children and children in care under a care order or interim care order).
2. Children **living within the catchment area** of the school.
3. For the main point of entry: **Siblings** of children who are attending the school in Year R to Year 5 at the time the allocations are made, and are expected to be on the school roll or at the time of proposed admission, or who have already been offered a place to start in the current academic year at the school.

For immediate in year admission after the normal point of entry: **Siblings** of children who are in Year R to Year 6 at the time of admission.

4. Children who have **exceptional medical or social needs**, which can only be met at that school, supported by written evidence from an appropriate professional person.
5. Once the above rules have been applied, then further places will be offered in distance order, using the distance between the family's **normal home address** and the schools nearest entrance gate, offering the closest first. We use the **shortest appropriate route**.

Where a school can take some, but not all, of the children who qualify under one of these rules, we will give priority to children by taking account of the next rule (or rules) in the numbered list to decide who has priority for places. For example, if all the children who qualify under Rule 1 can be offered places but there are too many children who qualify under Rule 2, we use Rules 3, 4 and 5 to rank the children qualifying under Rule 2 and decide who can be offered a place.

In each case, distance is used to prioritise which children should be offered places.