



Admission Arrangements

- Over-subscribed so families living out of catchment unlikely to be successful
- 193 places per year group
- LA co-ordinates admissions
- Letter from LA about how to apply should have arrived at home already
- Must put KES first and name 3 preferences
- Deadline October 31st

Criteria

1. Looked After Children (those in or previously in care of Local Authority)
 2. Catchment area and sibling
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 4. Siblings (not living in catchment area)
 5. Feeder school (not living in catchment area)
 6. All other applications
- Due to demand we don't place beyond category 3 in normal years
 - Tie breaker within category is distance from home to school, which could be imposed to category 3
 - National allocation date: 1st March 2021

Common Misconceptions

“A place is reserved at my catchment school even if I don’t apply there.”
No! It’s not automatic- you must apply

“I live in the catchment area, so I am guaranteed a place.”
Sadly not, depends how many from catchment choose Mercia School

“I have more chance if I only submit one preference.”
No! Very risky, you have no choice where you will end up placed if you don’t get your first choice

“If I apply early, I have a better chance.”
No, and you can change your preference up to the deadline.