

**Determined** Birmingham School Admission Criteria September 2017

School name	<b>Plantsbrook School</b>		
School address	Upper Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1RB		
Headteacher	Ms T Campbell	Tel no:	0121 362 7310
Admission Number	240		

Criteria	1	Looked after or previously looked after children.
	2	Brothers or sisters (as defined by the Local Authority) of children at the school in the year of admission.
	3	Distance
	<p><b>Children with a statement of special educational needs/EHC Plan</b></p> <p>Any child with a statement of special educational needs/Education Health and Care Plan is required to be admitted to the academy that is named in the statement/plan. This gives such children overall priority for admission to the named academy. This is not an oversubscription criterion.</p> <p><b>Definition of a looked after or previously looked after child</b></p> <p>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 order. 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). In the case of previously looked after children, admission authorities may request a copy of the adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order and a letter from the local authority that last looked after the child confirming that he or she was looked after immediately prior to that order being made.</p> <p><b>Sibling Definition</b></p> <p>Children (siblings) with a brother or sister already at the school who will be in attendance at the time the sibling enters the school.</p> <p>Siblings (brothers or sisters) are considered to be those children who live at the same address and either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. have one or both natural parents in common; or</li> <li>ii. are related by a parent's marriage; or</li> <li>iii. are adopted or fostered by a common parent.</li> </ul> <p>Unrelated children living at the same address, whose parents are living as partners, are also considered to be siblings.</p> <p><b>Distance – Home to school measurements</b></p> <p>Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight line measurement between the applicant's home address and the centre point of the school. Birmingham Local Authority uses a computerised system called Cartology, which measures all distances in metres. Ordnance Survey supply the co-ordinates that are used to plot an applicant's home address within this system.</p>	

	<p><b>Shared Responsibility</b></p> <p>Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives with both parents for part of the week, the child's main residence will be Proposed as the address where the child lives for the majority of the week. Parents may be requested to supply documentary evidence to support the address used.</p> <p><b>Separating "final qualifier" applications (twins, blocks of flats etc)</b></p> <p>In a very small number of cases it may not be possible to decide between the applications of those pupils who are the final qualifiers for a place, when applying the published admission criteria. For example, this may occur when children in the same year group live at the same address, or where there are twins, or if the distance between the home and school is exactly the same, for example, blocks of flats. If there is no other way of separating the application according to the admissions criteria and to admit both, or all of the children, would cause the legal limit to be exceeded, the local authority will use a computerised system to randomly select the child to be offered the final place.</p> <p>In the event of twins or multiple birth applicants being offered different schools due to class size legislation, the sibling will be given priority over other applicants on the preferred school's waiting list.</p>
Waiting list	Following the offer of places, a waiting list will be kept in strict oversubscription criteria order until at least the end of the first academic term. Each added child will require the list to be ranked again in line with the oversubscription criteria.
In Year Applications	<p>Applications made outside the normal admissions round (in-year admissions) should be made directly to the school. Parents/carers can apply for a place for their child at any time and to any school.</p> <p>On receipt of an in-year application, the school will notify the local authority of both the application and its outcome, to allow the local authority to keep up to date with figures on the availability of school places in Birmingham.</p>
Appeals	Parents have the right of an appeal if their application is unsuccessful. These are administered by Birmingham Local Authority.
Sixth Form Admission Arrangements and criteria	<p><u>Sixth Form admissions</u> Minimum entrance requirements for A level programmes is 5 GCSE grades A*-C including English and Maths. Minimum entrance requirements for one-year vocational programmes and GCSE re-sits is 4 GCSE grades A*-C or below or equivalent.</p> <p><u>Sixth Form oversubscription criteria for external candidates</u> Places will be offered to students in each category under the following criteria until places are full:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Looked after or previously looked after students that have been in Public care.</li> <li>2. Students with a sibling at the school at the time of admission.</li> <li>3. If the admission number is exceeded in any of these groups priority will be given to those who live nearest to Plantsbrook school (straight line measurement).</li> </ol>

\*No supplementary information form is used by this Plantsbrook School