



Wansdyke School

Admissions Policy 2022 - 2023

ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR ENTRY 2022-23

1. General Information

This policy applies to applications for a Mainstream place in year groups Reception to Year 6 inclusive for the academic year 2022/23.

Wansdyke School is a part of Acorn Education Trust and as such is its own admissions authority. However, admissions are processed by Wiltshire Council. Please read this document in association with the [Wiltshire Council Co-ordinated Scheme for Primary School Admissions for 2022/23, which the school has adopted](#).

Wansdyke School has a Planned Admission Number (PAN) of 30 in our mainstream. Places in the Complex Needs Resource Base are not covered by this policy but are dealt with on a case by-case basis. Please contact your SEND lead worker for further information about this process.

Definitions:

Designated Area: The location of houses in catchment for Wansdyke School. This is derived from the most recent version of 'Catchment areas of schools for towns in Wiltshire' available on the Wiltshire Council Website.

Sibling: For the purpose of this policy, a 'sibling' refers to any brother or sister of a pupil currently attending Wansdyke School. The brother or sister must live at the same address and could be:

- a brother or sister sharing the same parents
- a half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one parent
- a stepbrother or stepsister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage or civil partnership (a formal arrangement that gives same-sex couples the same legal status as married couples)
- the separate children of a couple who live together
- Foster sibling relates to a child living in the same household who is under the care of the Local Authority.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where the school is oversubscribed, places are allocated to children in order of the ranked criteria listed below:

a. **Looked After Children / Previously Looked After Children**

i.e. A child who is currently looked after or who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order⁷¹. 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).

b. **Vulnerable Children**

Children from families registered with the National Asylum Support Service; children or families with a serious medical, physical or psychological condition where written evidence is provided at the time of application from a senior clinical medical officer, general practitioner or specialist showing that it would be detrimental to the child or family not to admit to the preferred school.

Children with particular educational needs where written evidence is available from health or educational professionals to show that it would be detrimental to the child not to be

admitted to the school. Acceptable written evidence would be from the child's GP, Social Worker or Wiltshire Council SEND lead.

For the purpose of the above criteria the word 'families' is determined as living at the same address at the time of the application and also living at the same address on a permanent basis. Proof will be required and must be submitted by the deadline date.

c. **Designated area siblings**

A child is considered under this criterion if a sibling is attending the school as at the deadline date and will continue to attend the school at the time of entry, and where the child lives within the designated area at the same address as the sibling. The term 'Sibling' includes Step, half and fostered/adopted and are included in this category.

d. **Other children from the designated area**

Children residing within the designated area who do not qualify under one of the criteria above.

e. **Other Siblings (out of catchment)**

A child is considered under this criterion if a sibling is attending the school at the deadline date and will continue to attend the school at the time of entry, and where the child lives at the same address as the sibling but is outside the designated area. Step, half and foster siblings are included in this category.

f. **Children of staff at the school**

A child is considered to fall under this criterion

- i. where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
- ii. the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

g. **Other Children**

Children to whom none of the above criteria apply.

Tie Break

If the school is oversubscribed within any category above, the straight-line distance from the child's home address to the school will be used as the determining factor. Distances will be measured according to the Ordnance Survey eastings and northings for the child's home address and the school. Those with the least distance will be given priority.

If two or more children with the same priority for admission live an indistinguishable distance from the preferred school, but cannot all be admitted, then the available places will be decided by means of casting lots (random application) by the Academy Council Chair.

Waiting lists

Waiting lists will be maintained for all intake year groups by the school. Requests to go on the waiting list must be sent in writing to the school. The position on a list will be determined by applying the oversubscription criteria above and not by date order of receipt. This will mean a position will change if a later application is received from someone with higher priority according to the oversubscription criteria.

Admission of children outside their normal age range

All applications for children requesting admission outside of their normal age range will be processed as outlined in the Wiltshire Council's Coordinated Admissions Scheme, which has been drafted in accordance with the School Admission's code.

Appeals

Parents whose child has been refused a place have the right of appeal. All appeals will be heard in accordance with the timescales which have been determined in the [Wiltshire Council School Admissions Appeals Code which has been adopted by the Wansdyke School](#). The existence of a waiting list does not remove this right from any unsuccessful applicant.

Deadlines for Entry

Deadline date for applications for the YR, National offer date, Deadline for acceptances are listed by Wiltshire Council.

Policy approved: 22.04.21

Reviewed annually

Signed:

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Mr David Court
Academy Council Chair