



ADMISSIONS POLICY

Friendship
Integrity Benevolence
Honesty **Equality**
Respect Community
Tolerance Aspiration
Our values
Humility Personal responsibility
Justice Dignity **Ambition**
Co-operation **Humanity**
Excellence Embracing diversity
Belief Empathy **Kindness**
Understanding **Charity**
Compassion

This policy was adopted by the Curriculum Committee in September 2020. Next review due September 2021, or earlier if the need arises.

Ethos and vision

King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy will offer places to boys and girls of all abilities. The Academy aspires to serve our community and offer an outstanding educational experience. The Academy is an inclusive and harmonious community that seeks to offer the opportunity for each child to achieve his or her personal best.

Applications for Year 7

Applications must be made online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Details of open sessions are published in the Birmingham City Council website or at <https://myed.com/birmingham-school-open-days/>

Previous admission pattern at the time of offer of places for Year 7

In 2018, 2019 and 2020 this Academy received more applications than there were places available.

2018 - 734 preferences received ranking the Academy 1-6. Last child admitted lived 1.480 km from the Academy.

2019 - 927 preferences received ranking the Academy 1-6. Last child admitted lived 1.62 km from the Academy.

2020 - 821 preferences received ranking the school 1 – 6. Last child admitted lived 1816 metres from the school

Admissions Criteria

The Academy has an agreed admission number of 210 students for entry into year 7 and will admit up to 210 in this age group each year. All applicants will be admitted if 210 or fewer apply.

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below. Any child with a statement of special educational needs is required to be admitted to the academy/school that is named in the statement and the needs of the child can be met at that academy/school. This gives such children overall priority for admission to the named academy/school. This is not an oversubscription criterion.

- a. Children who are looked after or immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement order or special guardianship order.
- b. Admission of students whose siblings currently attend the Academy and who will continue to do so on the date of admission; sibling is defined as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters.
- c. Admission of students on the basis of proximity to the Academy using straight line measurement from the main entrance of the Academy to the main entrance to the child's home. Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives with both parents for part of the week, then the main residence will be determined as the address where the child lives for the majority of the week. Parents may be requested to supply documentary evidence to satisfy the authority that the child lives at the address put forward by the parents.

Tie – breaker

In a very small number of cases, it may not be possible to decide between the applications of those students 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 if the distance between the home and the Academy 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 Published Admission Number for the child's year group to be exceeded, the Local Authority will use a computerised system to randomly select the child to be offered the final place.

Post 16 admission criteria

To determine eligibility for admission, the Academy Trust will publish specific criteria in relation to minimum entrance requirements for Year 12 based on GCSE grades or other measures of prior attainment. King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy will also publish additional academic entry requirements for each course available based upon GCSE grades or other measures of prior attainment. Year 12 has the capacity for 120 students. King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy students will have priority. Should the number of internal successful applicants fall short of 120, these places will be available to external applicants subject to them meeting the aforementioned entry requirements. Should the number of external applicants exceed the number of places available and entrance criteria are matched, the oversubscription criteria for admission to Year 7 will be applied.

Any offer of a place to students applying to study in the Sixth Form at the Academy is conditional on GCSE outcomes and is an offer of a place to study in the Sixth Form not an offer to study specific subject/s. Whilst the Academy will endeavour to place successful applicants on the courses of their choice, that cannot be guaranteed, for example where there is significant oversubscription on a subject which the Academy cannot cater for, or there is insufficient interest in a subject which makes it unviable for the Academy to cater for. In all cases the Academy will offer alternative courses / subjects to the applicant and will maintain a waiting list for courses which are oversubscribed. That subject specific waiting list will be ranked in accordance with the oversubscription criteria for a Year 7 application irrespective of whether the applicant is internal or external.

There will be a right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel for internal students refused transfer and external applicants refused admission.

In – Year admissions

Admission to year groups will be based upon the current number in that year group, the size of teaching groups already existing in King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy and the efficient use of resources and whether the admission would prejudice the educational outcomes of others. The Academy Trust will consider all such applications and if the year group applied for has a place available, admit the child unless one of the permitted reliefs applies.

If more applications are received than there are places available, the oversubscription criteria shall apply. Parents whose application is turned down shall be entitled to appeal.

Operation of waiting lists

King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy will operate a waiting list for each year group. Applications should be made directly to the Academy. The Academy will provide an in-year application form. Where in any year King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate for the whole academic year. This will be maintained by the Academy Trust.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the arrangements as outlined above. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.