GRAVENEY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CRITERIA 2020 - 2021

Category 1

70 places will be allocated by reference to general ability.

The 70 applicants with the highest scores in the Wandsworth Year 6 Test will be offered places. If there are fewer than 70 applications under this category, the balance will be allocated under Category 2.

Category 2

210 places allocated in the following order:

(i) Children Looked After or children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order)

(ii) Applicants not admitted under Category 1 who have a sibling attending the school at the time of application.

(iii) Applicants with an acute medical or exceptional social need who in the opinion of the Governing Body, would be suitably provided for in the school;

(iv) Children of staff at the school.

(v) Proximity of the applicant's home to the school, with those living nearest being accorded the highest priority.

The above criteria will be applied in the following way:-

Category 1

All applicants applying to any Wandsworth School will take the Wandsworth Year 6 Test consisting of two papers – Non-Verbal Reasoning and Verbal Reasoning. The 70 places offered at Graveney will be offered to those applicants scoring the highest aggregate score in these papers, including applicants who would otherwise qualify under Category 2. Applicants with an equal score will be prioritised by distance order with those applicants living nearest the school given higher priority.

Category 2

(i) A "Looked After Child" is a child in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989. Children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted are as defined by section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, or those who became subject to a residence order (under section 8 of the terms of the Children Act 1989) or special guardianship order (under section 14A of the Children Act 1989).

(ii) A sibling is defined as a full brother or sister, a step/half brother or sister living at the same address, a child who is living at the same address as part of the family, by reason of a court order, or a child who has been placed with foster carers as a result of being looked after by a local authority.

(iii) Applications made on acute medical grounds must be supported by a current letter from a specialist health professional. Applications made on exceptional social grounds must be supported by a current letter from a social worker or other care professional working with the family. The letters must give reasons why the child's condition or circumstances make it necessary for the child to attend the school, and the difficulties that would be caused if they had to attend an alternative school. If this information is not provided by the application closing date, the application will not be considered under this criterion. Application under this criterion does not guarantee a priority place.

(iv) The member of staff must have been employed by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made or be a member of staff who was recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

(v) The straight-line measurement used to prioritise applicants for admission to schools in Wandsworth commences in all cases at the location of the property determined by the National Land Planning Gazetteer and terminates at the central point of the school site as determined by Wandsworth Council's Geographical information System. Measurements by alternative systems and/or to other points will not be taken into account in any circumstances. Where applicants have identical distance measurements, priority amongst them will be determined at random. The child's home will be deemed to be that of the principal carer. It does not include the residence of a relative or carer unless they have legal custody of the child. Where parents have shared responsibility for a child and the child lives for equal parts of the week with each parent, the school will use the address that has been verified by the local authority as part of the coordinated PAN London Admissions process (proof of joint custody/shared living arrangements must be provided). The school will require documentary proof of residence and reserves the right to verify applicants' addresses with primary schools and electoral registers.

All applicants will apply on an equal footing and will not need to specify under which category they are applying.