

BROCKINGTON COLLEGE



Admissions Policy

(This policy applies to admissions for the 2015 - 2016 school year)

Brockington College (Church of England School with Academy Trust Status) has at its heart a distinctive Christian Ethos. Based on our Christian foundation we seek to promote a culture of developing every person and therefore every school policy from this perspective, with a commitment of learning and maturing in the context of communal and individual development. We lay particular emphasis on the Christian values of love, truth, forgiveness and reconciliation for the individual and the school community.

INTRODUCTION

The Governors, who are responsible for admissions to Brockington College Church of England Academy, have agreed with the Local Authority (LA) to admit 240 pupils for each year group. This number has been agreed between the Governors and the LA and applies to admissions for the 2015-16 school year. These arrangements and the admissions criteria (below) are reviewed annually.

Though it is a Church of England Academy, Brockington College seeks to preserve its identity as a college for the local community, believing that this enhances community cohesion and enables those who live within its catchment area to benefit from the facilities offered at the college.

In accordance with schools admissions code of practice the Governors will admit a child with a statement of Special Educational Needs in accordance with parental preference, provided the school is named as being the appropriate school on the statement.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

When considering applications for admission to Brockington College, and there are more applications than places available, the Governors will offer places in the following order of priority. **This is an adoption of the LA's policy in full with the exception of overfilling any year group beyond 240 as part of the normal round or on in-catchment movement:**

1. Looked after children ie (a) children in the care of the LA, (b) children being provided with accommodation by a LA in the exercise of their social services functions (see 22(1), of the Children's Act 1989) and (c) previously looked after children (ie children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence orders or special guardianship orders).
2. Children living within the school's catchment area of Enderby, Narborough, Huncote, Croft and Thurlaston. The child's place of residence is taken to be the parental home. Please see the catchment area map of Brockington College at www.leics.gov.uk/catchment_details_4506.pdf.
3. Siblings of children already attending the college on the proposed date of admission; this includes brothers and sisters, half-brothers and sisters or legally adopted children regarded as brothers and sisters who live at the same address.
4. Pupils who have a serious medical condition or exceptional social or domestic needs (professional documentation confirming the situation must be submitted with the application).
5. Pupils who will have attended a feeder school for at least two years before the time of transfer.
6. Pupils requesting a Church of England school on bona fide denomination grounds.
7. Pupils who live nearest to the school. Measurement of distance is a direct line from the home to school.

Where it is not possible to decide between pupils' applications who are the final qualifiers for a place eg children who live in flats at the same address or who live the same distance from the school, and there is no other way of separating the applications, the pupil who will be offered the place will be randomly selected by drawing lots.

ADMISSIONS MEETINGS

Formal applications must be made on the LA's common form and returned to the LA by 31 October 2014 (for admission in September 2015). Parents can apply on line at www.leics.gov.uk/admissions. Following consultation with the LA, school governors will meet to consider formal applications for the 2015-2016 academic year. Admission decisions will be issued by the LA on the national offer date, 1 March 2015.

APPEALS

Whenever possible, parents' wishes will be met. If for any reason an application is refused, parents have the right of appeal to an independent panel. Full details may be obtained from the Diocesan Director of Education, St Martins House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester, LE1 5PZ.