

Admission arrangements for Peterborough Community Secondary Schools for 2010

As the admissions authority, the Local Authority gives priority to children whose parents have applied for a school place by the **31 October 2009**. Community schools do not always have enough places available for every child whose parents have applied for a place. In this case the Local Authority will use an order of priority for admissions to all Community and Voluntary-Controlled school in Peterborough.

The Local Authority will give priority to children with a statement of Special Educational Needs which names the school. This will be in addition to any specific arrangements to specialist provision.

The order of priority for all other children is as follows:

1. Children in Care
2. Children living in the catchment area served by the school (*see Secondary Admissions Booklet for address list*) with a sibling* on roll at the time of admission
3. Children living in the catchment area for the school (*see Secondary Admissions Booklet for address list*).
4. The attendance of a sibling* on the school roll at the time of admission
5. Other children whose parents have requested a place.
6. Children whose parents did not request a place by 23 October 2009.

*For the purposes of admissions, the Department for Children, Schools Families' definition of sibling is as follows:

'Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.'

In cases of equal merit, priority will be given to the child living nearest the school as measured by a straight line. Distance is measured using the Council's Geographic Information System (GIS) from the seed point located at the child's home address to the seed point for the school, using a straight line.

It may be necessary to use other Ordnance Survey maps or on-line resources for any home address outside of the Peterborough Local Authority area not covered by the Council's GIS system.

In the case of flats, the priority is that of floor level i.e. Ground, first, second etc. in that order.

In cases of exactly the same measurement where no differentiation can be established, a lottery will be used to decide the allocation of the place.

For category 6, the Local Authority will allocate places in the same order of priority as for categories 1 to 5. In cases of equal merit, priority will be given to the child living nearest the school measured by a straight line as above.