

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Section 1

Admissions Policy for Students joining Year 7 in September 2018.

1.1. The Published Admissions Number (PAN) will be 180.

1.2. All students applying for Central Foundation Boys' School are placed in one of four ability bands following a standardised assessment to ensure a balanced, mixed ability intake. Students will be allocated to a particular band based upon scores in a literacy test. Students with learning difficulties or a disability may, in the absolute discretion of the School, be offered an additional 25% of time allocated for the test. Any requests for additional time must be submitted to the School not less than five working days prior to the banding test date allocated to the applicant accompanied by evidence from a relevant specialist confirming the nature of the student's needs and justification for additional time for examinations.

The scores that form the boundaries of each band are determined by national profiling, meaning that the band boundaries will reflect the national performance profile, with each band being set at 25% of the national performance profile.

1.3. Subject to paragraph 1.7, 25% of the number of students offered places will come from each of the four bands.

1.4. Having placed the students in bands, if there are more applications than places available in a band, places will be offered to students within each band in priority order using the following criteria (where these criteria are clearly stated in a student's application):

1. Students who are looked after or who have been adopted (or made subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately after having been looked after;
2. Students who have exceptional special educational needs or have social or medical reasons for them to attend this particular school;
3. Students who have a brother or a sister who will be at the school when the transferring student is due to attend;

(For this criterion, "brother/sister" include any whole or half-brother/half-sister by blood or adoption, and any step or foster brother/sister who lives with the child for whom the application is made at the date of application);

4. Students who live nearest to the school. Nearness to the school will be measured on a computerised mapping system using a straight line distance measurement. Routes will be calculated from the home address (as defined by the Land and Property Gazetteer) to the midpoint of the school grounds (as determined by the London Borough of Islington). Where it is necessary to differentiate between applicants living in flats using the same street entrance, a random allocation using a computerised system will be applied.

1.5. Late applications, meaning applications made after the closing date, will be considered after the National Offer Day in March. Students will be placed on the waiting list and ranked in line with the above criteria 1 to 4.

1.6. If a student relies upon social or medical reasons to attend this particular school, priority will only be given where, to the satisfaction of the School, in its absolute discretion, compelling professional evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional medical or social need on the part of the student which can only be met by the School. The evidence must be provided by a recognised professional e.g. a doctor or a social worker. The School will not accept a case which is put forward retrospectively.

1.7. If in any band there are fewer than the required numbers of applicants the places in that band will be filled from the unallocated applicants from the nearest band taking a student first from the higher band and then from the lower band in turn.

1.8. Applicants who fail to attend the banding test will be automatically allocated to band 4 (lowest ability band).

1.9. A waiting list will be kept for one term only. Applicants who wish to remain on the waiting list beyond December 31st will need to re-apply online at: www.islington.gov.uk/admissions.

Section 2

2.1. Applications for in-year admissions should be made online at: www.islington.gov.uk/admissions.

2.2. For students applying to join the school in other Year groups at any time, banded waiting lists will be maintained and the place on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the criteria as described below. Waiting lists for in-year admissions will be kept until the end of each academic year. Applicants who wish to remain on the School's waiting list beyond this point, should re-apply at: www.islington.gov.uk.

2.3. Pupils will be prioritised in the following order within each band:

1. Students who are looked after or who have been adopted (or made subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately after having been looked after;

2. Students who have exceptional special educational needs or have social or medical reasons for them to attend this particular school;

3. Students who have a brother/sister who will be at the school when the transferring student is due to attend;

(For this criterion, “brother/sister” include any whole or half-brother/half-sister by blood or adoption, and any step or foster brother/sister who lives with the child for whom the application is made at the date of application);

4. Students who live nearest to the school. Nearness to the school will be measured on a computerised mapping system using a straight line distance measurement. Routes will be calculated from the home address (as defined by the Land and Property Gazetteer) to the midpoint of the school grounds (as determined by the London Borough of Islington). Where it is necessary to differentiate between applicants living in flats using the same street entrance, a random allocation using a computerised system will be applied.

2.4. If a student relies upon social or medical reasons to attend this particular school, priority will only be given where, to the satisfaction of the School, in its absolute discretion, compelling professional evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional medical or social need on the part of the student which can only be met by the School. The evidence must be provided by a recognised professional e.g. a doctor or a social worker. The School will not accept a case which is put forward retrospectively.

2.5. If in any band there are fewer than the required number of applications the places in that band will be filled from the unallocated applicants from the nearest band taking a student first from the higher band and then from the lower band in turn.

Section 3

3.1. As a voluntary aided school, the governing body is the admissions authority under the 2014 Admissions Code and is responsible for ensuring that the admissions arrangements are compliant with the Code.

3.2. The Governing Body will establish an Admissions committee that will oversee the implementation of the admissions policy. This committee will consist of at least three governors. To support the Governing Body in their role of ensuring that the admissions arrangements are compliant with the Code, the committee will have three main responsibilities:

- To confirm details of places to be offered at the School as a result of the application of this policy;
- To review the implementation of this policy following the completion of annual admissions process;
- To make recommendations to the Governing Body in relation to any amendments that they consider necessary to the admissions policy.
- To consider matters within the discretion of the School in accordance with the terms of the admissions policy.

3.3. Parents have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. All appeals against decisions not to offer a place to an applicant will be heard by an independent appeal panel coordinated by Islington Local Authority.

3.4. The School’s website contains some statistics relating to the furthest distance from the School by which secondary transfer applicants were accepted under the distance criterion in recent years. Please note that this distance changes each year and the statistics should be used

only as a guide. The statistics are based on data published on National Offer Day in March and the distance from the School by which applicants were accepted expands as the places are allocated from the waiting list.