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Admissions Policy

2025-2026

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31.07.2025

Buildwas Academy Admissions Policy 2025/26

For admissions to the Reception year group, applications must be made through Shropshire Council by **15th January** in the academic year prior to which your child is due to start school. All applications received by this date will be considered and parents will be informed by Shropshire Council on **16th April** if they have been allocated a place for their child. (Residents living in other parts of England must apply through their home local authority.) Please see the 'Parents Guide to Education' booklet on the website: www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions and also for details of the admission arrangements.

Admissions Criteria

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or in possession of an Education and Health Care Plan which names Buildwas Academy, will be allocated places, after which places are allocated up to the Published Admission Number of 15 according to an agreed set of criteria in strict order of priority as shown below.

- 1.** Looked After Children who are in Public Care or children who were Looked After but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order) as defined in the School Admissions Code.
- 2.** Children living inside the designated catchment area will have priority of admission. If there are not enough places for all the children in the catchment area, then the following criteria for admission will apply in order:
 - 2a.** Priority will be given to children living within the catchment area who will have an older sibling at the school on the day they are due to start school.
 - 2b.** After that, priority will be given to other children who live within the catchment area.
- 3.** If there are spaces still available after the above criteria have been applied, children living outside the designated catchment area will be offered places according to the following criteria:
 - 3a.** Children who will have an older sibling at the school on the day they are due to start school.
 - 3b.** All other children.

Each category will be rank ordered according to the distance from home to school as a straight-line measurement.

Notes

A sibling connection is defined as a brother or sister, step-brother or step-sister, half-brother or half-sister, living at the same address as part of the same family unit and of compulsory school age (i.e. 5 – 16 years). Adopted siblings are also included. Older siblings must be attending the school on the date the younger sibling is due to start there. However, cousins or other relatives who take up residence in a home in order to establish an 'in catchment area' address will not be given priority under the sibling criterion.

For admissions purposes all distances are measured as a straight line distance on a computerised mapping system between the home address and the nearest entrance gate of the relevant school by pinpointing their eastings and northings. The shortest distance being given highest priority. Where two addresses are within the same block of flats, the lowest number of flat nearest the ground floor will be deemed to be the nearest in distance.

In the event that two applications are exactly the same after all other criteria have been taken into account a tie breaker will be used. This will be by random allocation and overseen by an independent party not connected with the admissions process.

If unsuccessful on allocation day, Shropshire Council will offer a review when the waiting list will be formed from those parents who advise the Admissions Team that they wish to pursue a place at the school. At the end of the review period, parents who have still not been successful in securing a place have the right to appeal against the decision. Parents may remain on the waiting list from the review period onwards.

For the first term of Reception, Shropshire Council will continue to maintain a waiting list for unsuccessful applicants. If any vacancies arise, places will be offered to applicants on the waiting list in strict accordance with normal published oversubscription criteria.

In-Year Admissions

From 1 September 2024. Shropshire Council will be coordinating and allocating all requests for places at our school.

We welcome prospective parents to visit our school. If you wish to apply for a place at our school, please complete the online application form via this link – [Synergy - Homepage \(shropshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/synergy)

Your application will be processed by the School Admissions Team at Shropshire Council in accordance with our school's oversubscription criteria. You will then be notified via letter of the outcome of your application.