

PRINCE HENRY'S HIGH SCHOOL **SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY**

Pupils will be admitted at age 13 without reference to ability and aptitude. At age 16 entry on to some courses is dependent on prior achievement at GCSE or equivalent as outlined overleaf. Further details about courses are published in the Sixth Form Prospectus and advice about suitability on certain courses is available from experienced staff at school. The maximum number of new pupil admissions intended for the year commencing **September 2010** will be:-

- a) 308 at age 13.
- b) 30 at age 16, in addition to Prince Henry's pupils continuing from Year 11.

When applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order of priority set out below:-

At Age 13

1. Relevant * "looked after" children.
2. Children who attend the designated contributory Middle Schools i.e. Bredon Hill Middle School and St. Egwin's C.E. Middle School and who live in the catchment areas for these schools.
N.B. These two catchment areas together form the Prince Henry's catchment area.
3. Other children who live in the Prince Henry's catchment area.
4. Children who attend either Bredon Hill Middle School or St. Egwin's C.E. Middle School but who do not live in the Prince Henry's catchment area.
5. Children who have an elder sibling currently attending Prince Henry's. ** In order to qualify for a place on the grounds of a sibling attending the school the sibling must already be attending the school at the time of application and still be attending the school at the time of admission.
6. Children who have strong medical, social or compassionate grounds for admission. *** (N.B. A child with a Statement of Special Educational Needs will be offered a place if Prince Henry's High School is named in the Statement.
7. Children from 10-13 Middle Schools in the Evesham area other than Bredon Hill and St. Egwin's in addition to those already covered by the above criteria. The School wishes to achieve a balance in this and will therefore admit children from other Middle Schools in the Vale of Evesham in proportion to the total number who apply from each school. For each school, priority will be given to those who live nearest to Prince Henry's by the shortest walking route. ****
8. Children whose parents choose the school on grounds other than as above with priority being given to those who live nearest to Prince Henry's by the shortest walking distance route as defined in criterion 7 above.

* Relevant means all those in the care of the Local Authority, or provided with accommodation by the Local Authority under the terms of the Children Act 1989, 'looked after' at the time of the application for admission and who will still be 'looked after' at the time of admission.

** The sibling connection, as well as brother and sister, will include half siblings (that is children who share one birth parent) and legally adopted children. They must be living at the same home address.

*** The validity of such reasons will be determined by the Governors' Admissions Committee. Parents will need to show that attendance at Prince Henry's, as opposed to any other school, is essential and that only Prince Henry's can meet the medical, social or compassionate need of their child. Parents will be required to attach supporting information from a Health professional or a Social Worker to the application form when it is submitted. Without such information no special consideration will be given. However, provision of such information does not guarantee the offer of a place.

**** In the case of oversubscription places will be allocated (for all the listed criteria) on the basis of distance by the shortest walking route where the walking route is defined as a road, pavement or made up footpath. This distance will be measured from the front entrance of the home (i.e. front door) to the front entrance of the school. Should there be any case(s) of equidistance then the matter will be resolved by the drawing of lots.

If the school is unable to offer a place to all "multiple birth" children from the same family (i.e. twins, triplets etc.) the relevant parents will be asked to prioritise the order in which the children concerned should be admitted and also the order in which they should be placed on the waiting list if appropriate.

Occasionally applications may be received requesting entry into a year group for a pupil(s) who is either too young or too old for that year group. Each case will be dealt with on its merits after consideration by the Governors.

N.B. Parents must return the transfer application form to the Local Authority via their child's Middle School by **6th November 2009**. This deadline will be adhered to **strictly** and applications received after this date will be at a disadvantage in the event of oversubscription. If more than 308 applications are received by the deadline date, late applications will only be considered after the allocation of the available 308 places has been made and offers of these places have been sent out by the Local Authority. After this date any late applications will be considered against the published Admissions Criteria, regardless of the date when they were received. The Local Authority will notify parents of the outcome of their application for a place.

The parents of children not on roll in a maintained Worcestershire Authority school are advised that the requirements relating to the deadline referred to above also apply to them. These parents must also fill in an application form which is available from Prince Henry's or Worcestershire Local Authority.

Applications for places "in year" or outside the normal round of admissions will be dealt with in line with the procedures and criteria outlined above i.e. applicants must fill in a form and if the relevant year group(s) is oversubscribed then the Admissions Criteria will be applied.

Please note that within the County of Worcestershire there is an agreed protocol for pupils who are deemed hard to place or who are on roll at a school as part of a "Managed Move" procedure. Prince Henry's has agreed to this protocol.

At Age 16

In addition to Prince Henry's pupils continuing from Year 11, where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in order of priority set out below:-

1. "Looked after" children as defined above.
2. Pupils who live in the Prince Henry's catchment area.
3. Pupils with an elder or younger sibling currently attending Prince Henry's.
4. Pupils who have strong medical, social or compassionate grounds for admission.
5. Pupils who choose or whose parents choose the school on grounds other than as above.

N.B. The definitions outlined above relating to siblings (**), the validity of medical, social or compassionate grounds (***) and the allocation of places on the basis of the shortest walking route (****) also apply at age 16.

Further to the above the following entry requirements to courses will apply.

1. All students starting courses at AS Level must have 5 A*-C grades at GCSE of which at least 1 must be a B grade.
2. There are minimum grade requirements relating to some individual subjects (see Sixth Form Prospectus).

The parents of children who are unsuccessful in gaining a place at Prince Henry's will be able to appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. Parents wishing to exercise this right should contact in writing the Clerk to the Governors at Prince Henry's High School within fourteen days of receipt of notification. The parents of children who are unsuccessful in gaining a place will be given the opportunity of placing their child's name on the waiting list for a place at Prince Henry's. This waiting list will be maintained until the first day of the new term in September. They will also be provided with written information as to how the waiting list will operate, which will be consistent with the principles outlined in this Policy.

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