



## ADMISSIONS POLICY

### Ethos and vision

King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy will offer places to boys and girls of all abilities. We aspire to serve our community and offer them an outstanding educational experience. The Academy is an inclusive and harmonious community that seeks to offer the opportunity for each child to achieve his or her personal best.

### Applications for Year 7

Applications must be made online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or by using the Local Authority preference form. Details of open sessions are published in the Birmingham City Council secondary education information booklet given to parents by their primary schools in September.

Previous admission pattern at the time of offer of places for Year 7

In 2015, 2016 and 2017 this Academy received more applications than there were places available.

- 2015** - 840 preferences received ranking the Academy 1-6. Last child admitted lived 1.504 km from the Academy.
- 2016** - 803 preferences received ranking the Academy 1-6. Last child admitted lived 1.505 km from the Academy.
- 2017** - 861 preferences received ranking the Academy 1-6. Last child admitted lived 1.199 km from the Academy.

### Admissions Criteria

The Academy has an agreed admission number of 210 students for entry into year 7 and will admit up to 210 in this age group each year. All applicants will be admitted if 210 or fewer apply.

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below. Any child with a statement of special educational needs is required to be admitted to the Academy that is named in the statement. This gives such children overall priority for admission to the named Academy. This is not an oversubscription criterion.

- a. Looked after or previously looked after children.
- b. Admission of students whose siblings currently attend the Academy and who will continue to do so on the date of admission; sibling is defined as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters.
- c. Admission of students on the basis of proximity to the Academy using straight line measurement from the main entrance of the Academy to the main entrance to the child's home. Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives with both parents for part of the week, then the main residence will be determined as the address where

the child lives for the majority of the week. Parents may be requested to supply documentary evidence to satisfy the authority that the child lives at the address put forward by the parents.

Tie – breaker

In a very small number of cases, it may not be possible to decide between the applications of those students who are the final qualifiers for a place, when applying the published admission criteria. For example, this may occur when children in the same year group live at the same address, or if the distance between the home and the Academy is exactly the same, for example, blocks of flats. If there is no other way of separating the application according to the admissions criteria and to admit both or all of the children would cause the Published Admission Number for the child's year group to be exceeded, the Local Authority will use a computerised system to randomly select the child to be offered the final place.

## **Post 16 admission criteria**

To determine eligibility for admission, the Academy Trust will publish specific criteria in relation to minimum entrance requirements for Year 12 based on GCSE grades or other measures of prior attainment. King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy will also publish academic entry requirements for each course available based upon GCSE grades or other measures of prior attainment. Year 12 will have the capacity for 160 students. King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy students will have priority. Should the number of internal applicants fall short of 160 these places will be available to external applicants subject to them meeting the aforementioned entry requirements.

- a. Children failing to meet the grades for their preferred course option will be offered alternative courses if available.
- b. If Year 12 is oversubscribed and entrance criteria are matched, the criteria for admission to Year 7 will be applied.

There will be a right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel for internal students refused transfer and external applicants refused admission.

## **In – Year admissions**

Admission to year groups will be based upon the current number in that year group, the size of teaching groups already existing in King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy and the efficient use of resources and whether the admission would prejudice the educational outcomes of others. The Academy Trust will consider all such applications and if the year group applied for has a place available, admit the child unless one of the permitted reliefs applies.

If more applications are received than there are places available, the oversubscription criteria shall apply. Parents whose application is turned down shall be entitled to appeal.

Operation of waiting lists

King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy will operate a waiting list for each year group. Applications should be made directly to the Academy. The Academy will provide an in-year application form. Where in any year King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate for the whole academic year. This will be maintained by the Academy Trust.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the arrangements as outlined above. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.