

## Admission Criteria 2023- 2024

The criteria for admission to Thorpepark Academy are:

1. Children in public care at the time when preferences are expressed, and those who have been previously looked after. This includes children who were previously in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care because of being adopted and any child who became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order (see note (iv))

2. Being resident in the catchment area of the school (see note (i))

3. Having a brother or sister who will be attending the school at the expected time of admission (see note (ii) below)

4. Geographical, with priority given to those living nearest to the school (see notes (i) and (iii) below)

Criteria 4 will be used as a tie breaker for other criteria after the allocation of children with a Statement or EHCP and Looked After children if the school is full from within any of the other admission criteria.

(i) Residence is defined as the normal family address where the child resides. Where parents live at separate addresses and have joint custody, the address used will be the one where the child spends the main part of the school week. Childcare arrangements involving relatives' addresses do not qualify as normal family addresses for this purpose unless there is a court Residence Order in place.

(ii) Brothers and sisters include children with the same natural parents living at the same address children with the same natural parents living at different addresses (e.g due to separation of natural parents) half-brothers/sisters living at the same address step-brothers/sisters living at the same address - children living as part of the same family unit with their parents/guardians at the same address

(iii) The measurement of distance is the shortest available safe route for pedestrians along footpaths, using footpaths alongside roads marked on the current street map of the city. Front entrance of home property (residence) to main entrance of school site is used. This refers to a child living outside the defined catchment area. The Authority will use Routefinder, a computer mapping system, to make measurements.

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(iv) The highest priority must be given to looked after children and children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order. Further references to previously looked after children in the Code means children who were adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after.