

Admission Policy



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01/09/2021	JA Hewitt	1	
28/10/2022	J Buckley	2	Addition of new Admissions Code
26/07/2023	J Buckley	3	Addition that schools add admission arrangements to their website and the consultation period.

Mission Statement

Epworth Education Trust is a Multi-Academy Trust established with the aim of providing outstanding learning and opportunities for the children within its care.

Children are our nation's most precious resource. Their school life and learning experience will shape them for the whole of their lives

Safeguarding Statement

At Epworth Education Trust we recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children.

We work to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice.

The procedures contained in the Safeguarding Policy apply to all staff, volunteers and governors

Policy purpose

This policy aims to:

- Explain how to apply for a place at a school within Epworth Education Trust

Legislation and statutory requirements

This policy is based on the following advice from the Department for Education (DfE):

- School Admissions Code
- School Admission Appeals Code

Following public consultation and the Parliamentary process, a new school admissions code came into force on 1 September 2021. It covers:

- admission arrangements
- applications and offers for admission in and outside of the normal admissions round
- ensuring fairness and resolving issues
- relevant legislation

As an academy, the school is required by its funding agreement to comply with these codes, and with the law relating to admissions as set out in the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

Admission Criteria

In the first instance all admissions preferences for our schools are administered by the local authority as part of their statutory duties. Please refer to the Local Authority website or office for further details regarding this process.

Pupils are admitted to the academies within Epworth Education Trust in accordance with Epworth Education Trust Admissions Policy.

We are committed to our academies being open to all members of the communities within which our schools are situated. Our policy is that each academy adopts and follows the admissions policy of their Local Authority. This includes the school criteria and appeals process, as well as in-year admission applications criteria.

Each school's Local Advisory Board is responsible for adopting the policy within their Local Authority and adhering to it.

If a school wants to change the admissions criteria from that of their Local Authority, they must seek the approval of Epworth Education Trust.

All schools will update their admission criteria, appeals and application process on their website.

Where the admission arrangements have not changed from the previous year there is no requirement to consult, subject to the requirement that admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements at least once every 7 years, even if there have been no changes during that period.

Consultation must last for a minimum of 6 weeks and must take place between 1 October and 31 January in the determination year.