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# SHOREHAM ACADEMY

## Admissions Policy *(For 2023 Admission)*

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## **Overall Aims**

United Learning (UL) and Shoreham Academy believe in the concept of “open and fair” admission for all; this includes the open and fair allocation and offering of places. Our policies and procedures reflect this and are in line with the revised Schools Admission Code and Regulations (February 2014) – as part of Section 84 of the Schools Standards and Framework Act (1988) and all other relevant statutory guidance and legislation.

## **General**

Shoreham Academy will ensure that parents and ‘relevant children’ will have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel if they are dissatisfied with an admission decision of the Academy. The Independent Appeal Panel will be independent of the Academy. The determination of the appeal panel is binding on all parties.

## **Procedure for admitting pupils to the Academy**

### **Admission Number(s)**

Shoreham Academy has the following published admission numbers for the year **2023/2024:**

- **300 places for Years 7**
- **180 places for Year 12 of which a minimum of 10 will be for External Candidates**

### **Process of Application**

Arrangements for applications for places at the Academy will be made in accordance with the Local Authority’s (LA) co-ordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the Common Application Form provided and administered by the relevant local authority.

The Academy will use the LA’s timetable for applications to the Academy each year (exact dates within the months may vary from year to year). This will fit in with the timetable for the co-ordination of admission arrangements within the LA as agreed by the, Admissions Forum, LA, local schools and Academies. On 1<sup>st</sup> March, or the next working day, offers will be made to parents. There is a national closing date for secondary applications of 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## Consideration of Applications

The Academy will consider all applications for places. Where fewer than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year groups are received, the Academy will offer places to all those who have applied.

## Procedures where the Academy is oversubscribed

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below. After the admission of pupils with Education Health Care Plans (EHCP) where Shoreham Academy is named on the EHCP, subject to its right of appeal to the Secretary of State, the criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out below:

- Looked after children\* and previously looked after children. Previously looked after children are 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 2014, paragraph 1.7.
- *\*A "Looked After Child" means any child who is in the care of a Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989. A child who was "previously a Looked After Child" means a child who, after being Looked After, became subject to an Adoption Order under the Adoption Act 1976 or under Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, a Child Arrangement Order under Part 3 of 7 Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 (as amended) or Special Guardianship Order under Section 14A of the Children Act 1989. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.*
- Children who have specific medical needs, social needs and special needs students without a statement naming the Academy where the application is supported by written supporting evidence from an appropriately qualified person as to why the Academy is the only setting that can meet the child's needs. It is the responsibility of parents to show that it is essential for the child to attend the Academy rather than any other school.
- Children who live in the catchment area\* and are siblings of students who attend the Academy, and will still be attending when the child starts, other than students who at the time are in the sixth form but were not previously in lower years. The term "siblings" refers to full, step, half, adopted or fostered

brothers or sisters living permanently at the same address. The Academy reserves the right to ask for proof of relationship such as a short birth certificate and proof of residence.

- Other children who live in the catchment area.
- Children who live outside the catchment area and are siblings of students who attend the Academy, and will still be attending when the child starts, other than students who at the time are in the sixth form but were not previously in lower years. The term “siblings” refers to full, step, half, adopted or fostered brothers or sisters living permanently at the same address. The Academy reserves the right to ask for proof of relationship.
- Other children who live outside the catchment area.

\* The Catchment area is defined by the area delineated on the map appended to this document.

A child’s permanent address is where he or she normally lives and sleeps and goes to school from. Proof of residence, for example from utility bills or similar, can be requested at any time throughout the admissions process.

In the case of oversubscription in any of the above categories, apart from the CLA category, priority is given to applicants who live nearest the Academy measured by a straight line from Academy to the child’s home address, using Ordnance Survey data within the curtilage of the property.

If false or misleading information is used to gain entry to the Academy, the offer of a place may be withdrawn.

In the event of a tie-break being necessary within any of the criteria, this will be conducted through a process of random allocation, independently supervised.

### **Twins, triplets and other children from multiple births**

In the event that the Academy has one place to offer and the next child on the admissions list is one of twins, triplets or other multiple birth, the Academy will offer those children a place even if that means exceeding its admission number.

### **Post 16 admission criteria**

The Academy will not admit external applicants unless it is undersubscribed by pupils progressing from its own Year 11 and in such circumstances, it will apply the same academic entry requirements as it does to pupils already on roll in the Academy. Information on entry requirements is included in the Sixth Form Prospectus on the Academy’s website. If a tie-break is necessary to determine who is admitted, it will apply the oversubscription criteria set out above.

Children already on roll are entitled to transfer to year 12 if they meet the published standards for entry.

### **Independent Appeal Panel**

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

### **Operation of waiting lists**

Where in any year the Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the final day of the first term. This will be maintained by UL and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application

A student's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out above. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to students on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be open from the first day in March until 31<sup>st</sup> December in the Year of application.

### **Arrangements for Admitting Pupils to Year Groups other than Year 7 and 12**

The local authority co-ordinates admissions for in-year applications and for applications for year groups other than the normal point(s) of entry. This will not affect the Academy's right to determine which applicants have priority for admission.

Subject to any provisions in the LA's co-ordinated admission arrangements relating to applications submitted for years other than the normal year of entry, the Academy 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 apply. If more applications are received than there are places available, the oversubscription criteria above shall apply. Parents/carers whose application is turned down shall be entitled to appeal.

