



Rosendale Primary School and Children's Centre

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ADMISSIONS POLICY¹

Lambeth Local Authority is the admissions authority for Rosendale Primary School. This is a statement of Lambeth's current standard admissions policy for community primary schools.

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1. Rosendale Primary School Admissions policy

1.1 Lambeth Local Authority is the admissions authority for Rosendale Primary School.

1.2 The Standard Number for Rosendale Primary School is 90. The Standard Number refers to the number of children who may be admitted to the first year of entry in any academic year.

1.3 The Governors will admit children in each school year up to, but not exceeding, the school's Standard Number. If the number of requests exceeds the number of places available, the following over-subscription criteria will apply.

2. Over-subscription criteria

2.1 Lambeth Council, namely the Children and Young People's Service (CYPS), is the admissions authority for all community primary schools and will, in consultation, determine the admissions arrangements for its schools. Lambeth Council, as the admission authority for all Lambeth community primary schools, will comply, wherever possible, with parents'/carers' wishes where they have expressed a preference for a particular school. Nevertheless, if there are more applications than places available, the CYPS will give priority to children in the following order.

(1) Looked After Children

A child in public care (looked after child) means a person under the age of 18 years who is provided by social services with accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 20 of the Children Act 1989) or who is the subject of a care order under Part IV of the Act. Children who are looked after under an agreed series of short-term placements (such as respite) are excluded. All applications under this criterion must be supported by a letter from the relevant Local Authority.

(2) Siblings

Children with a brother or sister who already attends the school, and who will not have left the school at the time of admission. As a result siblings in the nursery or year 6 of a primary school will not be regarded as a sibling under this criterion. A sibling is defined as a full/half/step brother or

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sister (who are living at the same address in all instances) or a child who is living as part of the family by reason of a court order, or a child who has been placed with foster carers at that address as a result of being looked after by the Local Authority. However, children who are looked after under an agreed series of short-term placements (such as respite) will not be regarded as siblings under this criterion.

(3) Children with Exceptional Medical or Social Needs

Children with a professionally supported medical or social need, whose application identifies a particular school that is especially able to meet that need. The decision to prioritise children on these grounds will be determined via Lambeth CYPS' MEDSOC Panel, which is comprised of CYPS senior management as well as senior school staff. Documents from an appropriate professional (not including general information from a website, etc) must support these applications. However, any supporting evidence does not automatically mean that applicants will gain priority as the decision to prioritise under this criterion will solely rest with the MEDSOC Panel.

(4) Distance

Priority will be given on the basis of distance between the child's home and the school, measured by a straight-line. This measurement will be done using the SIA Datamap computerised mapping system. This measurement will be from a point from the child's home as identified by the software to a central point in the school's grounds as profiled in the software. The child's home address will be the child's permanent place of residency and must not be a business address, or the address of a relative or carer, unless they have legal custody of the child. Applications must only be made from a single address. Applications or offers under this criteria will only be valid once proof of address has been given and confirmed. As a tiebreaker for all criteria, priority will be given to children living closest to the preferred school (measured by a straight-line) in accordance with the measuring information in criterion 4. However, ONLY in the case where children have exactly the same distance between their home and the school, Lambeth LA will randomly allocate places as a tiebreaker.

No automatic transfer from nursery

2.2 Children who attend a Lambeth community nursery school class will not automatically transfer to the main school. Parents/carers must apply separately for the primary school through Lambeth CYPS.

Applications relating to twins, triplets or other multiple births

2.3 Where a parent applies for entry into the same year group for more than one child and it is not possible to offer a place to all of them, the names of the children who were unsuccessful will be added to the waiting list in accordance with the published admissions criteria, as per other children. Where the determining factor is based on distance, and these children have the same home to school distance, Lambeth LA will randomly allocate places to determine the rank order.

2.4 Where there is one school place available and there is more than one sibling who is eligible for a place under the published admissions criteria, Lambeth LA will randomly allocate the place in order to determine who gets the offer. The parent can then determine whether to accept or reject the offer.