

Phoenix Academy Admissions Policy For entry to Year 7 in September 2019

Phoenix Academy is a non-selective comprehensive school with a Published Admissions Number (PAN) of 150 pupils for September 2019. Where fewer than the PAN for any relevant age group is received, the school will offer places to all those who have applied. Of these places, after the admission of Students with Statements of Special Educational Needs where Phoenix Academy is named on the Statement, the criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out below:

1. Admission of children in Public Care (Looked after Children and previously Looked after Children).*
2. Admission of children with specific medical needs, social needs and special needs where the application is supported by specific written advice as to why admission to the Academy is necessary.
3. Admission of children with siblings currently attending the Academy and who will continue to do so on the date of admission. The term "sibling" means a full, step, half, adopted or foster brother or sister, but not cousins. The Academy reserves the right to ask for proof of relationship once offers have been made.
4. Nearest walking distance to the school – children who live the nearest distance from the school. The distance which determines how close the child lives to the school is the shortest walking distance along public highways and footpaths between the front door to the child's permanent address and the main entrance to the school's main building. The child's permanent address is where he or she normally lives and sleeps and goes to school from. Proof of residence can be requested once offers have been made.
5. Tie-breaker: Where two children live an equal distance from the school a random allocation will be used as a tie-break. Criterion 'D' will be used as a tie-break if necessary in categories 'B' and 'C' above.

If false or misleading information is used to gain entry to the school, applicants may lose their priority for admission.

Where applications are received from twins, triplets or same-year siblings the following procedure will be followed: if one child is selected for a place within a year group, the twin/triplet/same year sibling will also be admitted even if this leads to exceeding the Published Admissions Number. The Academy reserves the right to exceed the Published Admissions Number in accordance with the Schools Admissions Code.

*Looked after and previously Looked after Children means a child who is looked after, or has been looked after by a local authority in accordance with section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 at the time an application for his/her admission to the school is made.