

Proposed Admission Arrangements for Secondary Transfer Admissions to Woodside High School in September 2024

Published admission number (PAN)

The admission number for Woodside High School for entry to year 7 in September 2024 is **240**.

Oversubscription criteria

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan naming Woodside High School, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Children Looked After

Children who are looked after by a local authority or were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after, became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order, including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

2. Social Medical

Children who the Governors accept have an exceptional medical or social need for a place at Woodside High School. Applications will only be considered under this category if they are supported by a written statement from a doctor, social worker or other relevant independent professional. The information must confirm the exceptional medical or social need and demonstrate how Woodside High School is the only school that can meet the defined needs of the child.

3. Brother or Sister (sibling)

Children with a brother or sister already attending Woodside High School and who will still be attending in years 7-11 on the date of admission.

If a place is obtained for an older child using fraudulent information, there will be no sibling connection available to subsequent children from that family.

4. Children of staff

- Children of teaching staff of Woodside High School where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application, and/or

- Children of a member of staff who has been recruited to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

5. Distance

Children whose home address is closest to Woodside High School.

Distance will be measured in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the child's home to the Ordnance Survey address point of the school, calculated using a computerised mapping system.

Tie breakers

Children cannot be considered under more than one criterion. Within each criterion the sole tiebreaker to decide between two applications is children whose home address is closest to the school, measured in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the child's home to the Ordnance Survey address point of the school, calculated using a computerised mapping system.

The tiebreaker for two or more applications whose home address is exactly the same distance from the school (and who are not from multiple births) will be random allocation using a computerised system. The random allocation process will be supervised by an independent body.

Multiple births

If only one place is available at the school and the next child(ren) who qualifies for a place is one of multiple birth, Woodside High School will admit them over their published admission number.

Notes

- (i) Home address is defined as the child's only or main residence. A business address, a childminder's address or any address including a family member's address other than the child's only or main residence will not be accepted.
- (ii) If parents are separated, the application should be made by the parent the child normally lives with. Where a child spends equal time during the school week with each parent, the exact arrangements must be made clear in a letter with a copy of any custody or residency order submitted with the application. It is the parents' responsibility to agree between themselves and make clear which address will be used and to provide supporting evidence in respect of that address. An application can only be processed from one address. The final decision about which address is to be used rests with the Governors.
- (iii) Previously looked after children include those children who appear (to the admission authority) 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.

- (iv) A sibling is a full brother or sister, a step/half brother or sister, a foster brother or sister or an adopted brother or sister living at the same address as the child for whom the application is being made.
- (v) Priority for children of teaching staff will be limited to one place for each form of entry in any year. Exception to this will apply to children of multiple birth or those born in the same academic year. All such applications be accompanied with the relevant paperwork supporting an application on these grounds. The applicant must take sole responsibility to provide such paperwork. Without the provision of the relevant papers, priority will not be given on these grounds.
- (vi) Woodside High School uses Haringey Council's distance measurement system. Haringey measures distance in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the child's home to the Ordnance Survey address point of the school, calculated using a computerised mapping system. Measurements by alternative systems or to other points will not be taken into account in any circumstances. Where applicants have identical distance measurements, priority amongst them will be determined at random using a computerised system.

Waiting lists

Where a child does not receive an offer at Woodside High School, parents can request that their name is placed on the waiting list. Waiting lists are ordered, and places allocated as they become available, strictly in accordance with the school's admissions criteria.

Waiting list positions can change at any time and a child's position may go down as well as up if other applicants with higher priority join the waiting list. Being on the waiting list does not guarantee a place in the school.

Waiting lists are maintained throughout the year and are refreshed on an annual basis at the end of the summer term. At this time parents will be contacted to confirm if they wish for their child to remain on the waiting list.

Requests for children to be educated outside their chronological age group

Where families request that their child is educated outside their chronological age group the Governors will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the child's individual needs and abilities and to consider whether these can best be met in their chronological year or a different year group. It will also involve taking account of:

- the parents' views
- information about the child's academic, social and emotional development
- where relevant their medical history and the views of a medical professional
- whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group
- whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely, and

- where relevant, the potential impact on the child of being admitted to their chronological year group without first having completed the preceding year.

The views of the headteacher will be an important part of this consideration.

Parents should write to Haringey Council giving reasons for their request. This should be accompanied by an application for the child's actual year group. The application will be processed and a school place secured in the child's actual year group.

This place can later be withdrawn if the request for delayed admission is approved. Parents who are granted their request must then make a fresh application for a place in the agreed year group. This application will be considered in accordance with the school's oversubscription criteria in the event of oversubscription. The decision will be reviewed once the child has started school at intervals agreed by the family and the school.

Requests will be considered by the Governors during the summer term before the September in which the child will be admitted to his or her correct age group. This panel will meet following the secondary National Offer Day. For late or in-year requests the panel will meet to consider applications regularly throughout the school year. If parents would like to make an application for an own admission authority school, they will need approach the relevant school with their request.

Parents have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. This right does not apply if they are offered a place at the school but it is not in their preferred age group.

Proposed Admission Arrangements for In-Year Admissions to Woodside High School in September 2024-25

Applications for in-year admissions to Woodside High School are processed by Haringey Council on behalf of the school. In-year applications can be submitted online here: www.haringey.gov.uk/in-year-admissions-school.

The criteria set out above will be applied.