

Exceptional need and children of staff criteria

Exceptional social and medical need

Criterion

Children who have exceptional social or medical need, supported by a written recommendation from an independent medical professional such as the child's paediatrician / consultant or an independent professional from Children's Services. The recommendation must explain why the Academy is the only suitable school to meet the child's needs and why no other school could provide the appropriate support for the child.

How to apply

Exceptional need applications must be in the form of a letter or e-mail to the local academy board of the Academy, sent via the Admissions Officer, and accompanied by the recommendation stated in the criterion. The recommendation must be:

- Written by a person who is independent i.e. not a relative or friend.
- Explain why the child's needs can only be met by the Academy.
- Explain why the child's needs cannot be met by any other school.

If families have any other documents to support their application, they should submit these in addition to the recommendation.

The e-mail or letter is required in addition to the submission of a completed local authority application form.

The deadlines for applications are:

- Year 7 - 31 October 2024
- Reception – 15 January 2025

Children of staff

Criterion

Children of staff, who have been in post for at least two years, or to staff recently appointed to a post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

The number of children prioritised under this criterion varies and is dependent upon the published admission number (PAN). Please refer to the Admissions & Appeals policy for the Academy for the specific number.

A skill shortage for teachers is a subject / area with a recognised national shortage, and for associate staff a post which has been unstaffed over a prolonged period resulting in multiple advertisements.

The e-mail or letter is required in addition to the submission of a completed local authority application form.

How to apply

Children of staff applications must be in the form of a letter or e-mail to the local academy board of the Academy, sent via the Admissions Officer, stating the following information:

- The name of the member of staff, the title of their post, and their length of service.
- Their child's name and date of birth.

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