



ADMISSIONS POLICY

For Pupils Transferring in September 2018

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****Approved for consultation with Worcestershire Local Authority***

Pupils will be admitted at age 13 without reference to ability and aptitude. At age 16 entry on to courses is dependent on prior achievement at GCSE or equivalent as outlined later on in this Policy. Further details about courses are published in the Sixth Form Prospectus and advice about suitability on certain courses is available from experienced staff at school. The maximum number of new pupil admissions intended for the year commencing **September 2018** will be:-

- a) 315 at age 13.
- b) 30 at age 16, in addition to Prince Henry's pupils continuing from Year 11.

When applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order of priority set out below (**please refer to the Appendix for explanatory notes regarding the catchment area**):-

At Age 13

1. Relevant "looked after" children and previously "looked after" children.¹
2. Children who attend the designated contributory Middle Schools ie Bredon Hill Academy and St Egwin's CE Middle School and who live in the catchment areas for these schools.
NB These two catchment areas together form the Prince Henry's catchment area. Details of our catchment area are available on our website www.princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk or on request from the school.
3. Other children who live in the Prince Henry's catchment area.
4. Children who attend either Bredon Hill Academy or St. Egwin's CE Middle School but who do not live in the Prince Henry's catchment area.
5. Children who have a sibling currently attending or having attended Prince Henry's.²
6. Children who have strong medical, social or compassionate grounds for admission³.
7. Children of Prince Henry's staff who are employed by the school on a permanent contract and have been so for two or more years at the time of application for admission.

¹ 'Looked after' means all those currently accommodated by a Local Authority under the terms of the Children Act 1989 and children who were previously in the care of or accommodated by a Local Authority but immediately after being looked after, became subject to an adoption, a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.

² The sibling connection, as well as brother and sister, will include half siblings (that is children who share one birth parent, including step children) and legally adopted children.

³ The validity of such reasons will be determined by the Governors' Admissions Committee. Parents will need to show that attendance at Prince Henry's, as opposed to any other school, is essential and that only Prince Henry's can meet the medical, social or compassionate need of their child. Parents will be required to attach supporting information from a Health professional or a Social Worker to the application form when it is submitted. Without such information no special consideration will be given. However, provision of such information does not guarantee the offer of a place.

8. Children whose parents choose the school on grounds other than as above with priority being given to those who live nearest to Prince Henry's by the shortest straight line distance.⁴

A child with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or in receipt of an Education and Healthcare Plan will be admitted before any of the above criteria are applied, if Prince Henry's High School is named in the Statement or Education and Healthcare Plan.

N.B. Parents must apply online at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions by **31st October 2017**. The Governors have agreed to accept late applications between 1st November 2017 and 31st January 2018 and treat them as being on time, **only** in the following circumstances;

- a) Where a family has just moved address,
- b) Where it is agreed by the Governors that individual circumstances apply and the delay was reasonable given the circumstances of the case.

In each case independent supporting documentary evidence will need to be submitted with the application. In all other circumstances, or if the application is not received until after 31st January 2018, late applications will receive a lower priority, and will only be considered after the applications received (or deemed to be) on time. Any change of preference will be treated in the same way as a late application.

The parents of children not on roll in a maintained Worcestershire Authority school are advised that the requirements relating to the deadline referred to above also apply to them. These parents must also fill in an application form (CA1) which is available from Prince Henry's or Worcestershire Local Authority.

Applications for places "in year" or outside the normal round of admissions will be dealt with in line with the criteria outlined above. However, applicants must fill in a CA1 form & submit this directly to Prince Henry's High School. If the relevant year group(s) is oversubscribed then the Admissions Criteria will be applied. The school will write to parents, normally within 10 school days, of the form being received to notify of the decision. Prince Henry's will also notify the Local Authority. Where it is not possible to offer a place, parents will be notified of the right of an appeal by Prince Henry's and in most cases, the Local Authority will offer a place at an alternative school.

⁴ In the case of oversubscription places will be allocated (for all the listed criteria) to pupils who live **nearest** to the school by the shortest straight line distance. The measurement will be taken using the GeoCode Points from the centre of the building of the home address (centroid) to the Geocode point for the centre of the School buildings (centroid). This will be done by using the Local Authority's software package called Arcview GIS to determine distance. Ordnance Survey supply the co-ordinates that are used to plot an address within this system. **(In the event of equi-distance applicants, any place will be allocated by random selection (lottery). This process will be conducted by a suitable person independent of the school.)**

If the school is unable to offer a place to all "multiple birth" children from the same family (ie twins, triplets etc.) the relevant parents will be asked to prioritise the order in which the children concerned should be admitted and also the order in which they should be placed on the waiting list if appropriate.

Occasionally applications may be received requesting entry into a year group for a pupil(s) who is either too young or too old for that year group. Each case will be dealt with on its merits after consideration by the Governors.

Please note that within the County of Worcestershire there is an agreed protocol for pupils who are deemed hard to place or who are on roll at a school as part of a “Managed Move” procedure. Prince Henry’s has agreed to this protocol.

At Age 16

In addition to Prince Henry's pupils continuing from Year 11, where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in order of priority set out below:-

1. Relevant “looked after” children and previously “looked after” children defined on p2.
2. Pupils who live in the Prince Henry's catchment area.
3. Children who have a sibling currently attending or having attended Prince Henry's.
4. Pupils who have strong medical, social or compassionate grounds for admission.
5. Children of Prince Henry’s staff who are employed by the school on a permanent contract and have been so for two or more years at the time of application for admission.
6. Pupils who choose or whose parents choose the school on grounds other than as above.

N.B. The definitions outlined above relating to siblings ⁽²⁾, the validity of medical, social or compassionate grounds ⁽³⁾ and the allocation of places on the basis of the shortest straight line distance ⁽⁴⁾ also apply at age 16.

Further to the above the following entry requirements to courses will apply:-

1. All students starting courses in Year 12 must have a minimum of 5 A*-C grades at GCSE, of which at least 2 must be a B grade (or the numerical equivalent at the time of Sixth Form entry). This minimum requirement of 5 A*-C grades must also include English (Language or Literature) and Mathematics (or their numerical equivalent to a grade C at the time of Sixth Form entry).
2. There are minimum grade requirements relating to some individual subjects. Even though students may meet the general criteria for entry into the Sixth Form (see 1 above), they will not be admitted on to certain individual courses unless they also meet the minimum grade requirement for that course. Further details will be included in the Sixth Form prospectus.
3. Students who have achieved 5 Bs (or the numerical equivalent at the time of Sixth Form entry) in GCSE courses but have not got a C grade (or the numerical equivalent) in **both** Mathematics and English (Language or Literature) may be admitted in exceptional circumstances. Similarly, a student without a C grade (or the numerical equivalent) in **either** Mathematics or English (Language or Literature) may be admitted if they have achieved a minimum of 4 B grades (or numerical equivalent) in GCSE subjects.

The parents of children who are unsuccessful in gaining a place at Prince Henry's will be able to appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. Parents wishing to exercise this right should contact in writing the Clerk to the Governors at Prince Henry's High School within

fourteen days of receipt of notification. The parents of children who are unsuccessful in gaining a place will be given the opportunity of placing their child's name on the waiting list for a place at Prince Henry's. This waiting list will be maintained for the duration of the Autumn Term 2018. The allocation of places on the waiting list will be made in strict accordance with the criteria outlined in this Admissions Policy and further details will be sent at the appropriate time to the parents of children who are on the waiting list.

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APPENDIX

Living in the School Catchment Area – Explanatory Notes

1. In order to qualify as living within the catchment area of Prince Henry's, the Governors will need to be satisfied that children actually do live within that area at the relevant time. Children will be regarded as "living" within the catchment area in the following circumstances:-
 - a) The address where the pupil usually lives at the time of application is within the catchment area and is the address of the parent who receives Child Benefit for the pupil. Documentary evidence may be required.
 - b) Where the parents of a child of UK Service Personnel or Crown Servants are returning to live in the catchment area under an extant posting order
2. If the parents of children are in the process of moving to live in the catchment area at the time of their application they need to provide the Governors with some firm independent evidence of when they will actually begin to live there. This evidence must be provided before the relevant closing date for applications.
3.
 - a) If the move into the catchment area involves the purchase of a property there parents will need to provide appropriate written independent evidence (in the form of a letter from their solicitors if they are using solicitors) that contracts for the purchase have been exchanged and of the actual or expected completion date.
 - b) If the move into the catchment area involves the renting of a relevant property parents will need to provide appropriate independent written evidence (eg from an estate agent or solicitor) of the tenancy agreement or lease including the start date.
 - c) If the move into the catchment area involves parents returning to live in property they already own they will need to provide appropriate independent written evidence of the date when they will resume living in the property and that they intend to remain living there for the present.
 - d) If the move into the catchment area involves any other circumstances parents will need to provide appropriate written independent evidence of the date when they begin to live there, the arrangements they will have for living there and the length of time for which they envisage staying there.
4. Please note that unless the written evidence which parents provide proves, to the satisfaction of the Governors, that they will actually have commenced living in the catchment area by the relevant admission date for their child at the school, the application cannot be considered as a catchment priority within the criteria of the admissions policy.
5. Please also note confirmation of living within the catchment area does not guarantee a place for children at Prince Henry's
6. It is vital that parents inform Prince Henry's of any change of their address throughout the admission process.
7. Where information provided by parents in support of their preference is found to be fraudulent or intentionally misleading this could lead to the withdrawal of any place that has been allocated. If parents knowingly give false information in order to obtain a particular school place they could be guilty of an offence under the Perjury Act 1911. Due to problems in previous years it may be necessary for the Admissions Service, on behalf of the Governors to carry out checks to confirm that information given in relation to children's home addresses is genuine. Parents may be asked to produce documentary evidence of the address given.