



Basildon Lower Academy Admissions Policy 2025-26

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Admissions Policy

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admissions' number, applications will be considered against the criteria, and in the order, set out below. After the admission of children with statements of special education need which name the Academy on the statement, application will be considered from:

- a) students in public care/'looked after' children and previously looked after children);
- b) students, who at the time of application, have a sibling# on the roll in the Academy and who will still be on the Academy's roll at the time the applicant **starts** at the 11–14 Academy;
- c) other children. Priority will be given on the basis of the closeness of the child's home to either the Basildon Lower Academy or the Basildon Upper Academy, whichever is nearer. Proximity will be measured by straight line distance*.

In the event of a tie in either category 'b' or 'c' above the Chair of Governors, supervised by an independent scrutineer, will draw names.

For the purposes of criterion (b) above, a sibling of an applicant means a natural brother or sister, step-siblings, half-brother or half-sister of the applicant, or adopted brother or sister, who will be living with the applicant at the same address on the date of their entry to the Academy.

* For the purposes of criterion (c) the straight line distance will be measured from the address-point of the student's home to the address-point of either Academy site, whichever is nearer and regardless of distance of travel. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described on page 12. Where a student lives for part of each week at a different address, the 'home' address shall be that address which is the main family home and where the student spends the majority of the week.

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