Futura Learning Partnership

The Meadows Primary School

Determined Admission Arrangements for 2026/2027

The Trust is supported by South Gloucestershire Council in allocating places to The Meadows Primary School and informing families.

The Meadows Primary School has a Published Admission Number of 30 places in Reception.

Should The Meadows Primary School be over-subscribed (i.e. if there are more applications than places available), initial allocations will be made according to the following criteria. These are listed in order of priority and will be applied to all applications received by the published closing date for applications.

1. **Children in Public Care or Previously in Public Care.**

2. **Local siblings** (those living within Academy's Area of Prime Responsibility and who have named the school as a preference).

3. **Children of Academy Staff**

4a. **Geographical considerations (those living within an academy's Area of Prime Responsibility).**

4b. **Geographical considerations (those living outside an academy's Area of Prime Responsibility).**

5. **Tie breaker**: Where it does not prove possible to resolve allocations to an over-subscribed school by the application of criteria 1-4, any remaining places will be allocated by drawing lots.

Notes:

1. Children in Public Care* are those in the care of a local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority within the meaning of Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.

Children Previously in Public Care* are those who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted[1] (or became subject to a residence order[2] or special guardianship order[3]).

* Documentation will need to be provided to South Gloucestershire Council as proof of care status. Under the terms of the Adoption Act 1976 and the Adoption and Children Act 2002

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2. Local siblings: Children are defined as local siblings if:

- they live within the APR; **or,**
- where there is no APR, local siblings will be deemed to be those living up to a maximum of two miles from the academy by straight line measurement; **or,**
- where the distance is over two miles but the academy is still the nearest school;

AND

- they are full or half brother or sister; **or**
- they are adoptive brother or sister; **or**
- they are children of the same household;

AND

- the older sibling is already in attendance at the academy and will be in attendance in **September 2023** (statutory school age only).

Please note that the offer of a place at any particular school does not guarantee an offer of a place for a sibling at a later date. Different authorities will vary in the priority that they give to siblings. You will need to consult the relevant admission authority for further advice, i.e. where an admission authority serves an Area of Prime Responsibility, only children who live within the Area of Prime Responsibility will be afforded priority of admission under the local sibling criterion.

3. Children of Academy Staff

'Children of staff where that member of staff has been employed for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the Academy is made and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.'

4. Geographical considerations (for those living within the academy's A Responsibility): Priority will be given to applications from within the defined Area of Prime Responsibility who live closest to the preferred school. After places have been allocated from within the Area of Prime Responsibility, any remaining places will be allocated to those children living closest to the school.

Distances from home to school are measured in a straight line between the address point of the child's home and a central point building within using the main South Gloucestershire School Council's computerised mapping system.

5. Tie breaker: Where it does not prove possible to resolve allocations by following criteria 1-3 lots will be drawn by a senior officer of South Gloucestershire Council who is independent of the school admissions process.

Home address

The home address is considered to be where the child lives most of the time with his or her parent(s) or carer(s). The academy cannot accept an address of a business, relative, friend, childminder, a temporary address or an address of a house it is intended to move to. The only exceptions are for children of UK service personnel for whom special arrangements may apply. The academy reserves the right to seek documentary evidence to support a claim of residence.

Where a child spends time with each parent/carer at two different addresses, the academy will ask for proof of the arrangements and will determine the appropriate address to be used in allocating a school place. In reaching this decision, evidence may be requested to show the address to which any Child Benefit is paid and from which the child is registered with a medical GP. Any other evidence provided by parents/carers will also be considered in reaching a decision on the home address for admissions purposes.

Children of multiple births

Where a child(ren) whose twin or sibling from a multiple birth is admitted, otherwise than as an excepted pupil, the other child(ren) will be considered under the admission criteria as exceptions to the infant class size regulations where relevant.

Children of UK service personnel (UK Armed Forces)

South Gloucestershire Council recognises the particular needs of children of UK service personnel (UK Armed Forces). The council ensures that the needs of these children are taken into account by:

- Allocating a school place in advance if the application is accompanied by an official government letter which declares a relocation date and a unit postal address or quartering address
- Accepting a unit postal address, or, if appropriate, a quartering area address (the address of the closest house in the relevant quartering area), for applications from service personnel in the absence of a new home postal address
- Accepting a late application from UK service personnel as of posting has been received after the
- closing date and before the date of exchange of information with other admission authorities
- Considering an application on the criterion of 'local sibling' where a family has been offered
    - a place at the preferred school and the unit postal address or quartering address is within the
    - Area of Prime Responsibility for the preferred school
- Wherever possible, children of UK service personnel will be offered a place at the preferred local school but taking into account the admission number for the school

Admission of Children with statements of special educational needs (SEN) or an education, health and care plan (EHC Plan) which names the school

Children with Statements of SEN or an EHC Plan are placed in a school through the arrangements set out in the SEN Code of Practice and not through the general school admission arrangements. Admission authorities are required by the Education Act 1996 to admit a child that names the school. Parents/carers of children with a Statement of SEN or an EHC Plan should contact their child's casework officer for further information.

Waiting lists

Where the school is over-subscribed in the normal admissions round and places have been refused to some applicants, a waiting list will be maintained for any vacancies which subsequently arise. The waiting list will be prioritised according to the admission criteria and not by reference to the date of joining the waiting list. The list will be maintained by the Trust.