

## **Admission Policy for The Samuel Lister Academy 2018-19**

Where the number of preferences for a school exceeds the number of places available, priority will be given to children in the following categories:

1. Looked after children or children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order.
2. Children whose home address is in the school's priority admission area who have a brother or sister, attending from the same address, who are at present in years 7 – 10 and who will still be attending the school at the time of admission (in-area siblings).
3. Other children whose home address is in the school's priority admission area.
4. Children whose home address is outside the school's priority admission area who have a brother or sister, attending from the same address, who are at present in years 7 – 10 and who will still be attending the school at the time of admission (out-of-area siblings)
5. Other children whose home address is outside the school's priority admission area\* \*  
*Where the school has more than one priority admission area, criteria 2 and 3 above will apply for the whole of priority area 1 **and then** for the whole of priority area 2; if there are remaining unallocated places, criterion 4 will then be considered.*

### **Exceptions**

The criteria listed above may be overridden and a place offered, where the parents' preference is based on:

- special medical reasons for admission where they are deemed essential by an independent professional recommendation from the child's paediatrician/ consultant or:
- social reasons for admission where they are deemed essential by a professional recommendation and the school governors consider that a place should be offered on these grounds.

### **Tie Break**

When demand exceeds places in any of the above criteria, the distance between the child's home and school, measured by a straight line distance from the Ordnance Survey address point of the home to the main entrance to the school building, will be used to decide who is given a place; those living nearest being given the available places. Where the offer of places to applicants with equi-distant addresses would lead to oversubscription, the decision of who will be offered the place will be made by random selection.

### Notes

1. A 'looked after child' is a child who is in the care of the local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (as defined in the Children Act 1989).
2. The term 'sisters' and 'brothers' refers to children who live with the same family at the same address. Children living with the same family e.g. foster, adopted children and step sisters and brothers are also included.
3. 'Home address' refers to the child's permanent home at the date of admission. Where the child lives with parents with shared responsibility, it is for the parents to determine which address to use when applying for a school. Proof of residency may be required at any time during or after the allocation process.
4. Twins or triplets – where a family of twins or triplets request admission and only one of the siblings can be offered a place, the remaining siblings will also be offered places above the admission number.