

Aylesford School - Sports College

Admissions Arrangements 2019-2020

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 7 intake is 180.

Before the application of the oversubscription criteria, children with a Statement of Special Educational Need or Education, Health and Care Plans which names Aylesford School will be admitted. As a result of this the published admissions criteria will be reduced accordingly.

If the number of preferences for the school is more than the number of places available, places will be allocated in the following priority order:

1. Children in Local Authority Care - a 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

2. Current Family Association - A brother or sister attending Aylesford School when the child starts. In this context brother or sister means children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers and sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or stepsisters and foster brothers and sisters.

3. Distance from the school to the home - we use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school, measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by NLPG. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for the school, these straight line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school.

A pupil's home address is considered to be the residential property that is the **child's only or main residence** and not an address at which your child might sometimes stay or sleep due to your own domestic or special arrangements. The address must be the pupil's home address on the day you completed the application form and which is either:

- owned by the child's parent, parents or guardian, OR leased to or
- rented by the child's parent, parents or guardian under a lease or written rental agreement.

If you live separately from your partner but share responsibility for your child, and the child lives at two addresses during the week, we will regard the home address as the one at which the child sleeps for the majority of weekdays.

A block of flats has a single address point reference, so applicants living in the same block will be regarded as living the same distance away from the School. In the unlikely event that two or more children live in the same block and in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place for the school, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place.

If the last pupil to be offered a place within Aylesford School's published admission number (PAN) is a multiple birth or same cohort sibling, any further sibling will be admitted, if the parents so wish, even though this may raise the intake number above the school's PAN. The PAN will remain unchanged so that no other pupil will be admitted until a place becomes available within the PAN.

Requests for admission outside the of the normal age group should be made to the Headteacher as soon as possible in the admissions round associated with that child's date of birth. This will allow the school and admissions authority sufficient time to make a decision before the closing date. Parents are not expected to provide evidence to support their request to defer their application, however where provided it must be specific to the child in question. This might include Medical or Educational Psychologist reports. There is no legal requirement for this medical or educational evidence to be secured from an appropriate professional, however, failure to provide this may impede a school's ability to agree to a deferral.

Parents are required to complete an application for the normal point of entry at the same time, in case their request is declined. This application can be cancelled if the school agrees to accept a deferred application for entry into Year 7 the following year. Deferred applications must be made via paper CAF to the LA, with written confirmation from each named school attached. Deferred applications will be processed in the same way as all applications for the cohort in the following admissions round; and offers will be made in accordance with the school's oversubscription criteria.

After a place has been offered the school reserves the right to withdraw the place in the following circumstances:

- a. when a parent has failed to respond to an offer within a reasonable time; or
- b. when a parent has failed to notify the school of important changes to application information; or
- c. the admission authority offered the place on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from a parent.

Supplementary Form Required: No

Waiting lists will be maintained up to January 2020.

Admission to the Sixth Form September 2019

Aylesford School offers the International Baccalaureate Career Programme in the Sixth Form. Places will be offered to students who will typically be enrolled in Year 11 at the time of application and be age 16 at the time of admission. Priority will be given to existing pupils transferring from year 11 who meet the entrance criteria.

Requests for admission outside of the normal age group should be made in writing to the Headteacher as early as possible to allow the Governors sufficient time to make a decision, in full consultation with the Headteacher, before the relevant closing date. Where evidence is provided to support a request to defer an application it must be specific to the child in question. Where the School agrees to consider an application outside of the normal age group, the applicant will be ranked alongside all others in accordance with the School's oversubscription criteria.

In addition to transferring students from Aylesford School Year 11, applications are welcome from students attending other schools.

All students joining the Sixth Form must meet the general entry requirements below and the specific entry requirements for the subjects they wish to study for pathways 1 and 2. Pathway 1 must fulfil the requirements of the IB for the completion of the full IB Career-related programme. Details are available from the School's website, along with course and other Admissions information for the 3 different pathways the school offers. Gaining a place in the Sixth Form does not guarantee that a particular range of courses may be followed.

All Sixth Form courses and pathways last for two years and applicants are expected to commit themselves to completing the IB Career-related Programme.

Every applicant will be invited to an information and guidance meeting to review the suitability of their course choice selection. The meeting will not form part of offer making decisions.

Entry requirements

All candidates should have 5 GCSE's A*-C including English, Mathematics (Grade 4 or above where applicable) and at least one science in pathways 1 and 2. Students who wish to apply for pathway 3 need to achieve A*-F (or equivalent) in English, Maths and Science however, students will be taken on an individual basis.

Applicants whose Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) names the School, and who have met the general entry requirements above, will be admitted.

A Statement of Special Educational Need is a statement made by the Local Authority under Section 324 of the Education Act 1996 specifying the special educational provision required for that child. An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the Local Authority under Section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014 specifying the special education provision required for that child.

Parents and applicants have a statutory right of appeal, both in the event that a conditional offer is not made and in the event that a conditional offer is not confirmed. All appeals should be lodged as soon as possible and not after 20 school days have passed from the date of the refusal letter. Appeals lodged under both circumstances will be heard within 30 school days of the GCSE results.

After a place has been offered the School reserves the right to withdraw the place in the following circumstances:

1. When an applicant has failed to respond to an offer within the deadlines stated on the offer letter; or
2. When an applicant has failed to notify the School of relevant changes to the application information; or
3. The admission authority offered the place on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application.

Offers and Appeals

Offers will be made on the basis of predicted performance at GCSE, with the requirement that the above grades are achieved in the final examinations prior to entry to the Sixth Form and the pupil's 4 chosen subjects being accommodated on the timetable, in feasible group sizes.

All offers made during Year 11 are conditional on pupils meeting the grade criteria specified and will only become firm offers upon confirmation of actual GCSE results.

Offer letters will be made before the end of May. Offers will be confirmed once the school has been notified of GCSE results in August.

Where learners have achieved better result than the predicted grades they will be considered based on the grades achieved and ranked accordingly for any places that become available as a result of other learners failing to meet the required entry levels.

Parents have a statutory right of appeal, should an application for a place be refused, by writing to The Clerk to the Governors, care of the school.

Late applications will be considered if places in appropriate subjects are still available after all other applicants have been considered.

A waiting list will be held, ranked according to the over-subscription criteria.