

## **Aylesford School – Sports College**

### **SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS: 2017/18**

*NB within these criteria the term parent is used to refer to parents or legal guardians.*

Aylesford School – Sports College has an agreed PAN (Published Admission Number) of 180 students for entry in Year seven each September. All applicants will be admitted if 180 or fewer apply. Applications for Year7 places are managed through the Kent County council Admissions team.

Before the application of oversubscription criteria children with a Statement of Special Education Need (SEN) or Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) which names Aylesford School – Sports College will be admitted. As a result, the published admissions number will be reduced accordingly.

In the event of oversubscription, priority for admission will be given to children who meet the criteria set out below, in order:

- (1) A 'Looked after child' or a child who is 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 the local authority, or (b) being provided accommodation by the local authority in the exercise of their social services functions.
- (2) Children with a sibling attending the school at the time of application and who would be of normal school age at the September of admission. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters.
- (3) Proximity of the child's permanent residence to Aylesford School – Sports College, measured in a straight line using Ordnance Survey address point data, with those living closest to the school being accorded the highest priority. The school uses measurements provided by the Local authority to calculate this distance.

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in category '3' above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and the school is the same. This process will be independently verified.

If the last child to be offered a place at Aylesford School – Sports College'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 above the school's PAN. The PAN will remain unchanged so that no other child will be admitted until a place becomes available within the PAN.

A waiting list will be held until 31<sup>st</sup> December of the intake year. This list will be ranked in accordance with the oversubscription criteria as detailed above and will be re-ranked each time a child is added to the list.

Requests for admission outside of the normal age group should be made to the Headteacher as early as possible within the normal 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 physiologist reports. There is not 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 the 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 Local Authority, 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 Aylesford School – Sports College reserves the right to withdraw the offer / place in the following circumstances:

- After the parent or learner has failed to respond within a reasonable time;  
or
- When a parent or learner has failed to notify the school of important changes to the application information;  
or
- The admission authority offered the place on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from the parent or learner.

Students are able to join Aylesford School – Sports College in Year 12 for sixth form studies. Priority will be given to existing students transferring from Year 11 who meet the entrance criteria. Admission to Sixth Form will be as a result of applicants obtaining a minimum of 5 GCSE passes at Grade C or above including Maths and English and also meet the subject criteria for their chosen course of study. The admission number for external candidates will be dependent on the number of internal candidates. The overall PAN for Year 12 will be 75 students. Where there are more candidates seeking places than places available, the oversubscription criteria outlined above will be applied to eligible students.

For all other applications for admission to Aylesford School – Sports College such as:

- Late applications for admission to Year 7
- Applications for admissions to years other than years 7 and 12
- Application for admission to any year after the beginning of the school year

Parents should contact the school directly.