

# Meopham School

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## Meopham School Admissions Policy September 2019 Admissions

### Arrangements for admission at 11+ for September 2019

The school is open to boys and girls of all abilities without reference to a selection test. The school's published admission number is 140. The school has to apply criteria to prioritise applications in the event of being over-subscribed.

#### Oversubscription criteria:

If the number of preferences for the school exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied and priority given to:

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. Applicants who have a **sibling association** with the school at the time of admission, i.e. a brother or sister, step or half-brother or sister, an adopted brother or sister or other person resident at the same address as if a sibling;
3. **Health and Special Access Reasons** – medical, health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians' physical or mental health or social needs mean that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the particular school.
4. **Applicants living closest to the school.** 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 an oversubscribed Community or Voluntary Controlled school, these straight-line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school.

We will maintain a clear, **fair and objective waiting list** until at least **31 December** of each school year of admission. Each added child will require the list to be ranked again in line with the school's published oversubscription criteria. Priority will **not** be given to children based on the date their application was received or their name was added to the list. Looked after children, previously looked after children, and those allocated a place at the school in accordance with a Fair Access Protocol, **must** take precedence over those on a waiting list. In the unlikely event of a tie breaker all students have equal eligibility for the last available place, their names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be offered a place.

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## **Arrangements for Admission at 16+ for September 2019:**

Students already on the roll of the school in Year 11 will qualify for a place in the Sixth Form, providing they meet the following standards at GCSE (or equivalent):

- For a full time AS/BTEC/Diploma programme at NVQ level 3: 5+ A\*-C grades, including English and Mathematics (NVQ Level 2). It is a normal requirement that students have a C grade or better in the subjects they wish to study. For some subjects the entrance criteria is a B grade at GCSE.

Students from other schools must meet these same requirements and Meopham students will be given priority if places are limited. All students wishing to join Meopham School Sixth Form must complete the application form during the admission year. Applications can be received right through to September.