



PRIORSLEE ACADEMY **ADMISSIONS POLICY 2027-28**

Priorslee Academy is a state-funded independent school within Telford & Wrekin. Our vision is to provide the highest expectations for all pupils, regardless of background or ability, through excellent teaching in a nurturing and supportive environment. Every child deserves the best possible opportunity to succeed, and this is central to our ethos.

Parents seeking a place at Priorslee Academy are welcome to:

- attend an optional tour of the school
- familiarise themselves with our aims and ethos
- request an admissions pack, including the prospectus, home-school agreement, and relevant forms

Please note:

Tours and visits **do not influence** the allocation of school places in any way. All admissions are determined solely using the published oversubscription criteria, as required by the School Admissions Code.

Priorslee Academy does **not** select pupils based on ability or aptitude and values all applicants equally.

Published Admission Number (PAN)

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for entry into **Reception in September 2027** is:
60 pupils

Age Eligibility

Applications for entry into Reception in **September 2027** are for children born between:
1 September 2022 - 31 August 2023

The application window opens in **September 2026**.

Further details can be found at the LA admissions website:
<https://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions>

Application Deadlines

- **31 October 2026** - closing date for children with an **EHCP** naming the school
- **15 January 2027** - closing date for all other on-time Reception applications
- Late applications will be considered only after all on-time applications have been allocated.

Places will be allocated by an admission panel following published criteria.

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

Children with an EHCP naming Priorslee Academy will be admitted automatically, even if this exceeds the PAN.

This is a statutory requirement.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where the Academy receives more applications than available places, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied in strict priority order, after admitting pupils with an EHCP:

1. Looked-after and previously looked-after children

This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside England and subsequently adopted.

2. Children of staff

Children of employees who:

- have been employed at Priorslee Academy for 2 or more years at the time of application, or
- were appointed to a post with a demonstrable skill shortage.

3. Siblings

Children who have a sibling attending Priorslee Academy at the time of admission.

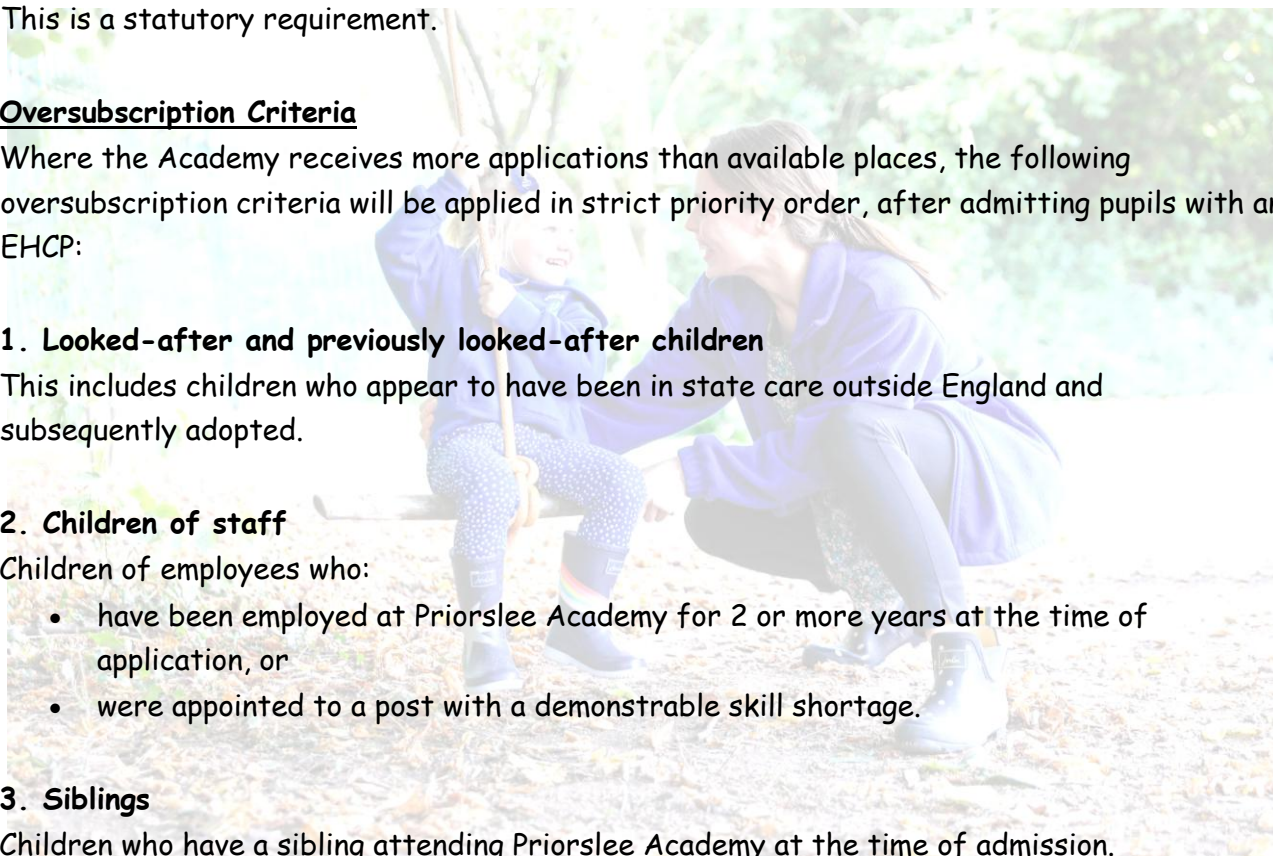
Definition includes: brother, sister, half-siblings, adopted siblings, and children living permanently in the same household.

4. Distance

Children living closest to the Academy, measured in a straight line between the home and the school using the Local Authority's computerised system.

Tie-break rule (mandatory)

Where two or more applicants have equal distance, places will be allocated by random allocation (lottery) conducted by an independent person.



Allocation of Places

- Offer letters will be issued on **16 April 2027**.
- Parents must accept places by **30 April 2027**.
- Appeals will be heard during **June – July 2027**, by an **independent Appeals Panel**.
- Waiting lists are collated by the Local Authority.

Waiting Lists

Waiting lists for Reception places are maintained by Telford & Wrekin Local Authority.

Deferred Entry / Part-Time Attendance

Parents may request:

- deferred entry (until later in the academic year), or
- part-time attendance until the child reaches compulsory school age.

Any deferred entry must be agreed by the **Head of School**.

In-Year Admissions

In-year admissions must be made directly to the Local Authority, who coordinate all mid-year placements and waiting lists.

Catchment Area

Priorslee Academy shares its catchment area with **Redhill Primary Academy**.

Parents can access the LA catchment map at:

https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school_admissions/284/school_catchment_area_maps

Where discrepancies occur, the Local Authority map is definitive.

Parental Responsibility Requirement

Applications must be made only by adults with **parental responsibility** or with a court order delegating decision-making authority. All parties must be in agreement before submitting an application to Telford & Wrekin Council.

Equality and Non-Discrimination Statement (required addition)

Priorslee Academy does **not** discriminate in its admissions arrangements on the grounds of:

- disability
- gender
- sex
- race
- religion or belief

- SEND
- social or economic background
- marital or parental status
- sexual orientation

This is in accordance with the **Equality Act 2010** and Section 1.9 of the **School Admissions Code (2021)**.

All children, including those with disabilities or SEND, are welcomed and considered equally under this policy.

