

BURNTWOOD SCHOOL ADMISSION CRITERIA 2018-19

ADMISSION NUMBER

Burntwood School is an academy school for girls aged 11-18. The governors of the school are responsible for the arrangements for admitting children. The school will admit 313 pupils in September 2018. 78 (Category 1) places are offered to girls who receive the highest scores in the Wandsworth Year 6 Test, with the remaining 235 (Category 2) places are offered to children in the order described below.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

Places will first be offered to children with a Statements of Special Educational Needs or Education Health and Care Plan which names the school. These children will be included in the overall admission number of the school. In the event of oversubscription, the remaining places will then be allocated in the following order of priority as follows:

Category 1 places

Up to 78 places will be allocated by reference to general ability to those applicants with the highest scores in the Wandsworth Year 6 Test.

Category 2 places

The remaining 235 places will be allocated as follows, in this order:

1. Girls in public care (children looked after) and those who ceased to be children looked after because they were adopted, or because they became subject to a residence order, child arrangements order or a special guardianship order (Note 1).
2. Applicants with a professionally supported exceptional medical need or exceptional social need for a place at the school, as decided by the Governing Body (Note 2);
3. Girls not admitted under Category 1, who have a sibling attending the school at the time of application (Note 3);
4. Girls who live nearest to the school, using a straight line measurement from home to school as calculated by the Wandsworth Council Geographical Information System (Note 4).

All applicants will apply on an equal footing, and will not need to specify under which category they are applying.

APPEAL ARRANGEMENTS

Applicants refused a place at the school will have the right to appeal to an independent admission appeal panel established under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

NOTES:

1. A child looked after is a child in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989. An adopted child is defined by section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or section 12 of the Adoption Act 1976. A residence order is defined by section 8 of the Children Act 1989. A child arrangement order is defined by section 8 of the Children Act 1989 as amended by section 14 of the Children and families Act 2014. A special guardianship order is defined by section 14A of the Children Act 1989.
2. Applications made on exceptional medical grounds must be supported by a current letter from a specialist health professional. Applications made on exceptional social grounds must be supported by a current letter from a social worker or other care professional working with the family. The letters must give reasons why the child's condition or circumstances make it necessary for the child to attend the school, and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend an alternative school. If this information is not provided by the application closing date, the application will not be considered under this criterion.
3. A sibling is a full brother or sister, a step/half brother or sister living at the same address, a child who is living as part of the family by reason of a court order, or a child who has been placed with foster carers as a result of being looked after by a local authority.
4. The straight-line measurement used to prioritise applicants for admission to schools in Wandsworth commences in all cases at the location of the property and terminates at the central point of the school site as determined by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System. Measurements by alternative systems and/or to other points will not be taken into account in any circumstances. Where applicants have identical distance measurements, priority amongst them will be determined at random.
5. The permanent address of the parent/guardian with whom the child is living on the closing date for applications will be used for this purpose and this must be the address where the family normally lives. Parents are not permitted to use a temporary address to secure a school place for the child. A business address, a childminder's address, or any address including a family member's address other than the child's permanent home will not be accepted. Proof of address will be sought and if there is any doubt about the validity of the address given it may be the subject of further investigation. Please see the "Choose a Wandsworth Secondary School" admissions brochure for further information.
6. Where a child lives with parents with shared custody/responsibility, the address where the child spends the majority of the week should be used by parents for the school application. If there is a genuine 50/50 shared arrangement in place, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. In cases where an agreement cannot be reached between the parents and Child Benefit is claimed, the address that is registered for this claim will be used. Additional proof may be requested, eg court order or a solicitor's letter to confirm the arrangements.