

## Criteria for Admission to Southfields Academy

Southfields Academy accepts students across the whole ability range, to ensure a balanced intake. Students admitted to the Academy will take part in assessments in English, Maths and Science during their first term at Academy. The Academy will place students in sets in each of these subjects according to attainment levels achieved in these assessments. The setting is fluid and reviewed each term.

If your child has a statement of special educational needs prepared by the local education authority, your application should be submitted to the education department of your Local Education Authority.

### General Places.

Where the number of applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in this order:

1. 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 or a special guardianship order.
2. Children with a known special medical or social need, who in the opinion of the Governing Body would be suitably provided for in the Academy.
3. Children who have a sibling on the roll of the school at the time of admission.
4. Children who live nearest to the school, using a straight line measurement from home to school as calculated by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System\*.

*\*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. A residence order is defined by Section 8 of the Children Act 1989. A special guardianship order is defined by Section 14A of the Children Act 1989.*

*\*Measurements produced by alternative measuring systems will not be taken into account in any circumstances.*

### Appeal Arrangements

Applicants refused a place at the Academy will have the right of appeal against the decision to an independent admission appeal panel established under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. Application forms are included in the 'Choose a Wandsworth School' booklet. If you are a non-resident, or your child attends a school, outside Wandsworth, application forms are available from your child's primary school or your local education authority.