



On 1 March January 2016 Abbeywood First School and Church Hill Middle School joined the RSA Family of Academies as part of the Redditch RSA Trust (now Central RSA Academies Trust), joining Ipsley CE RSA Academy and Arrow Vale RSA Academy.

The admissions criteria for the school is based on the criteria used by Worcestershire for community schools. In order to provide greater clarity and simplicity for parents and to strengthen the links between the four schools, a common admissions policy for the school came into effect for admissions in September 2017.

The admissions policy is attached.

Admissions Policy 2019/20

Church Hill Middle School

1. Relevant "**looked after**" and "**previously looked after**" young people.
2. Young people who have a **sibling** currently attending Church Hill Middle School. In order to qualify for a place on the grounds of a sibling attending the school, the sibling must be attending the school at the time of intended admission.
3. Young people who **attend our main contributory schools** i.e. Abbeywood First School , Moons Moat First School.
4. **Children of staff** employed for at least two years or recruited to meet a skills shortage.
5. Other young people who **live in the Church Hill Middle School Catchment Area**. A copy of the Catchment map is available from the LA or can be seen in school.
6. Other young people.

Within each criterion priority will be given to those who live nearest to Church Hill Middle School. This distance will be measured from the front entrance of the home to the front entrance of the school in a straight line. In the case of oversubscription, places will be allocated (for all the listed criteria) to pupils who live **nearest** to the school by the shortest straight line distance. The measurement will be taken using the GeoCode Points from the centre of the building of the home address (centroid) to the Geocode point for the centre of the School buildings (centroid). This will be done by using the Local Authority's software package called Arcview GIS to determine distance. Ordnance Survey supply the co-ordinates that are used to plot an address within this system. (In the event of equi-distance applicants, any place will be allocated by random selection (lottery). This process will be conducted by a suitable person independent of the school.)

Definitions

- '**Looked after**' means all those currently in the care of or accommodated by a Local Authority under the terms of the Children Act 1989 and children who were previously in the care of or accommodated by a Local Authority but immediately after being looked after, became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
- **Parent[s]/carer[s]** – parent, guardian and others who have actual care of a student and whose address appears on the student benefit book or other legal agreement confirming the care of the student.
- **Catchment Area School** - is the school allocated by the LA to take children for the geographical area within which your address falls. It is likely to be the school nearest to your home address but this will not always be the case.
- **Sibling** – a brother or sister including half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother or stepsister, or any student who lives in the home as part of the family.

- **Home** – must be the address where the student usually lives. Places cannot be offered on the basis of a possible future address. If you move to a different address but have not sold or given up the tenancy of your previous home, this will not count as a change of address. Also, if you allow your child to live with someone in a different area, the student’s usual home will be taken as their home address for the measurement of distance. Students who have parent[s]/carer[s] with shared responsibility will have the address of the parent/carers who is in receipt of Child Benefit used as their home address for admissions purposes. If you are moving, the Governors will need one of the following before they can consider your new address when applying the Oversubscription Criteria for a place at this School:
 - a letter from a solicitor confirming that you have exchanged contracts to buy a property
 - a tenancy agreement confirming that you will be renting a specific propertya letter from a housing association confirming that you will be living at a specific address

The information contained in this policy is correct at the time of going to press but minor amendments may be made without notice, for example to comply with new statutory requirements or due to circumstances beyond the control of the Governing Body at Church Hill Middle School RSA Academy including information published by Worcestershire County Council.