



# Brownhills School

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## A Specialist Sports College



### **Consultation on Admission Arrangements for the Academic Year 2020/2021**

Enclosed herewith is a copy of Brownhills School – A Specialist Sports College proposed Admission Arrangements. These were determined by the Governing Body at their meeting on **15 January 2019**.

It should be noted that where a child meets the admission criteria of two or more schools named in their application then Walsall Children's Services will allocate a place at the highest ranked of those schools.

# **BROWNHILLS SCHOOL – A SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE**

Deakin Avenue, Brownhills WS8 7QG

## **ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2020/2021**

Brownhills School is a mixed 11-18 Trust School (Foundation) with 700 pupils. The school's Admission Policy is in accordance with the guidelines below:

### **Entry into Year 7 September 2020**

Pupils will be admitted at the age of 11 years without reference to ability, aptitude, race or religion.

The number of intended admissions in 2020 will be 125.

To apply for a place you must submit an application to your home local authority; Walsall residents must submit an online application to Walsall Council by the closing date of 31 October 2019. Parents must also complete the Brownhills School Supplementary Information form and return it to the School by 31 October 2019.

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

#### **1. Children in Public Care (looked after children) and previously looked after children.**

Definition: children who are in the care of the local authority or provided with accommodation by the local authority and previously looked after children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.

#### **2. Where a child has an older sibling currently attending the school when the application is made and who will be still attending the school at the proposed admission date**

Definition: a child who resides at the same address as the child for whom a place is being requested and is one of the following:

- A brother or sister sharing the same parents
- Half brother or sister sharing one common parent
- Step brother or sister (i.e. related by parent's marriage)
- Any other child for whom it can be demonstrated that he or she is residing permanently at the same address (e.g. under the terms of a residency order)

#### **3. Where there are essential medical or social grounds for admitting the child**

Definition: relevant medical or social grounds that show that attendance at the school is essential and supported in writing by a medical practitioner or social worker. Applications for Brownhills School, as a foundation school, will be subject to verification by the school's Admissions Committee.

#### **4. Children of Staff employed at School**

Definition: Children of members of staff where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made.

## **5. Proximity of the child's home to the school, with those living nearest being accorded the higher priority, the distance being measured in a straight line**

Definition of home address: the home address of the child is considered to be the permanent residence of a child in a residential property when the place is offered. The address must be the child's only or main residence and is either owned by the child's parent, parents or guardian or leased to or rented by the child's parent, parents or guardian under lease or written rental agreement of not less than six months duration

Distance will be measured in a straight line from the centre point of the home address to the centre point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority

### **Waiting List Policy (Year 7 Intake)**

Waiting lists are kept of all children who have been refused a place at any school which was ranked higher than the school at which they have been offered a place, for example

- If a child is offered a place at the school that was ranked 2nd on the Walsall Preference Form then the child's name will only be placed on the waiting list for the school that was ranked 1st.
- If a child is offered a place at their first preference school the child's name will not be added to any waiting list kept for their other ranked schools.

Waiting lists for all Walsall schools will be maintained by the Local Authority until 31 August 2020. Parents may enquire about their child's position on any waiting list by telephoning the School Admissions Team.

From September 2020 the waiting list will be retained by Brownhills School. Parents should contact Brownhills School Admissions on 01543 452886 to make any enquiries or to add their child to the waiting list. The Waiting list will be kept in admission criteria order. Any vacancies will be offered on the basis of the published admission criteria.

From January 2021, waiting lists will be kept for one term only. On the last day of each school term the names of all children will be removed from the waiting lists. Parents wishing their child to be placed on the new waiting list should contact Brownhills School Admissions in writing to make their request at the beginning of each new school term.

### **Mid-Year Admissions**

Applications for mid-year admissions are co-ordinated through the Local Authority. Walsall Admissions deal with all admission requests and hold all waiting lists for every year group. Parents who wish to make an application must submit an online application via the Walsall Council website or contact the admission team on 01922 652585. Applications may not be made directly to Brownhills School.

### **Appeals**

Parents whose children are refused admission to the school have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel. The necessary forms and information should be obtained from Karen Shaw, Headteacher's PA, Brownhills School, Deakin Avenue, Brownhills WS8 7QG to whom completed forms are returned. Please mark the envelope ADMISSION – APPEAL

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM – SEPTEMBER 2020 INTAKE**

Before applying for a place for your child in Year 7 for September 2020, please read the booklet concerning Admission to Secondary Schools which is published on the Walsall Council Website. Then complete this form in using **block capitals** and return it to Admissions, Brownhills School, Deakin Avenue, Brownhills, Walsall, WS8 7QG. You can also email the form to [postbox@brownhills.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:postbox@brownhills.walsall.sch.uk).

Your form **MUST** arrive at Brownhills School by **3.00pm on the closing date, 31 October 2019**. If you deliver it to your child's Primary School, allow sufficient time for it to be forwarded to Brownhills School by the closing date.

You **MUST** also submit an online application to your Local Authority by the same closing date. If you require a place at Brownhills School you **MUST** have named the school as one of your preferences on your application.

Child's Surname:	Child's First Name:		
Full Name of Parent/Carer			
Address – Including Post Code: (Where child normally resides)			
Date of Birth:		Boy	Girl
Home Telephone Number:			
Mobile Telephone Number:			
Email Address:			
Current Primary School:			
Does your child have a sibling who is currently in attendance at Brownhills School	Yes	No	
Please list their name(s) and date (s) of birth			
Is either parent or carer currently employed at Brownhills School?	Yes	No	
If so please give name:			
If applicable, please tick the criteria under which your application is being made:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child in Public Care, Previously looked after children	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical Factor	

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print Name: \_\_\_\_\_