



Roundwood Park School - Admission Arrangements for 2020/2021

Roundwood Park is a co-educational, all-ability school for children aged 11-18.

The school will have a published admission number for Year 7 of 196.

All applicants must complete the Common Application Form of their home Local Authority. Hertfordshire residents should apply online to Hertfordshire County Council or complete the secondary transfer form available in the "Moving On" booklet. Families resident in other authorities must complete the form provided by the authority in which they live. Applications for Roundwood Park School do not need to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF).

If the school receives more applications than it has places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order they are printed below. If the school has fewer applications than places available all applicants will be offered a place.

The funding agreement, signed by the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State, requires the Academy to admit a child with a statement of special educational needs that names the school. Schools must also admit children with an EHC (Education, Health and Care) Plan that names the school. These children will be admitted as part of the school's PAN but before the oversubscription criteria are used.

Rule 1 Children looked after and children who were previously looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order).

Rule 2 Medical or social needs: Children for whom it can be demonstrated that they have a particular medical or social need to go to the school.

A panel of officers from HCC will determine whether the evidence provided is sufficiently compelling to meet the requirements of this rule. The evidence must relate specifically to this school and must clearly demonstrate why it is the only school that can meet the child's needs.

Rule 3 Sibling: Children who have a sibling at the school at the time of application, unless the sibling is in the last year of the normal age range of the school. Note: the 'normal age range' is the designated range for which the school provides, i.e. Years 7 to 13 in this school.

Rule 4 Children of staff: The school will admit a child of a member of staff provided that 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 or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. To be eligible under this rule, the staff member must be the child's natural parent or otherwise have parental responsibility (as defined under the Children Act 1989) for the child.

For the purposes of satisfying these criteria, a member of staff is defined as a permanent member of the staff. This definition does not include contract staff or peripatetic staff employed by HCC.

Rule 5 Children who live in the priority area and for whom it is their nearest Hertfordshire maintained school or academy that is non-faith, co-educational and non-partially selective. Note: Non-partially selective means that the school does not offer any places based on academic ability.

Rule 6 Children who live in the priority area who live nearest to the school.

Rule 7 Children living outside the priority area on the basis of distance, with those living nearest to the school given priority.

These rules are applied in the order they are printed above.

NOTES ON THE ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

Siblings

A sibling is defined as:

- brother or sister
- half brother or sister
- adopted brother or sister
- child of the parent/carer or partner
- children looked after or previously looked after (this doesn't include children temporarily living in the same house. For example, a looked after child in a short term foster or bridging placement)

In every case, the sibling must be living permanently in the same family home (at least Monday to Friday).

To obtain a school place under a "sibling rule" the older sibling must still attend the school at the time the younger child joins the school. This means the older sibling must be in Year 7 to Year 12 at the time of application. If a place is obtained for a child using fraudulent information, there will be no sibling connection available to subsequent children from that family.

Tiebreak

If more children qualify under a particular rule than there are places available, a tiebreak will be used by applying the next rule to those children. Where there is a need for a tie-breaker where two different addresses measure the same distance from a school, in the case of a block of flats for example, the lower door number will be deemed nearest as logically this will be on the ground floor and therefore closer. If there are two identical addresses of separate applicants, the tie break will be random.

Priority Areas

The co-educational priority areas in the admission rules are based on the following towns, parishes/unparished areas. These apply to Rules 5 and 6.

Priority Area 7	Harpenden and St. Albans	Ayot St. Lawrence, Colney Heath, Flamstead, Harpenden, Harpenden Rural, Kimpton, King's Walden, London Colney, Markyate, Redbourn, Ridge, Sandridge, St. Michael, St. Pauls Walden, St. Stephens, St. Albans, Shenley, Wheathampstead.	Beaumont Katherine Warington Roundwood Park Samuel Ryder Sandringham Sir John Lawes
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Home to School Distance Measurement for Purposes of Admissions

Hertfordshire County Council's 'straight line' distance measurement system is used for all home to school distance measurements. Distances are measured using a computerised mapping system to two decimal places. The measurement is taken from the AddressBase Premium address point of your child's house to the address point of the school. AddressBase Premium data is a nationally recognised method of identifying the location of schools and individual residences.

Children Seeking Admission outside their Chronological Year Group

Only in exceptional circumstances will a child younger than 11 years of age or older than 12 years of age on 1 September of the year in which he/she is due to transfer to secondary school be considered for admission. Hertfordshire County Council will administer applications in this category on the school's behalf.

In Year Admissions

The school will remain part of Children's Services co-ordinated In Year admissions scheme. Application forms can be accessed via www.hertfordshire.gov/admissions or from the Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4043. Parents should return the application form direct to Children's Services (address on the form).

Fair Access Protocol

The school participates in the County Council's Fair Access protocol and will admit children under this protocol before children on the continuing interest list.

Sixth Form arrangements

The school will admit up to 40 external students to its Sixth Form.

Minimum entry requirements are as set out in our Sixth Form prospectus.

If the school is oversubscribed, priority will first be given to:

Children looked after or previously looked after
Secondary transfer rules then apply

Appeals

Parents wishing to appeal who applied online through Hertfordshire's online system should log in to their online application and click on the link 'register an appeal'. Out of county residents should call the Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4043 to request their registration details, log into www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolappeals and click on the link 'log into the appeals system'.

For in-year applications: the County Council will write to you with the outcome of your application and, if you have been unsuccessful, will include registration details to enable you to login and appeal online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolappeals