Notes on Mid Term Admissions 2026 - 2027

The mid-term criteria will be applied in the following way:-

(i) A “Looked After Child” 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. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 or the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or those who became subject to a residence order (under section 8 of the terms of the Children Act 1989) or special guardianship order (under section 14A of the Children Act 1989). All references to previously looked after children mean such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

(ii) A sibling is defined as a full brother or sister, a step/half brother or sister living at the same address, a child who is living at the same address 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.

(iii) Applications made on acute 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 they 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. Application under this criterion does not guarantee a priority place.

(iv) The member of staff must have been employed on a permanent contract by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made or be a member of staff who was recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

(v) The straight-line measurement used to prioritise applicants for admission to schools in Wandsworth commences in all cases at the location of the property determined by the National Land Planning Gazetteer 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. The child’s home will be deemed to be that of the principal carer. It does not include the residence of a relative or carer unless they have legal custody of the child. Where parents have shared responsibility for a child and the child lives for equal parts of the week with each parent, the school will use the address that has been verified by the local authority as part of the coordinated PAN London Admissions process (proof of joint custody/shared living arrangements must be provided). The school will require documentary proof of residence and reserves the right to verify applicants’ addresses with primary schools and electoral registers.

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