

The Thomas Aveling School

Oversubscription criteria: 2016

Over-subscription Criteria:

Where applications for admission received via the Medway Co-ordinated scheme exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit:

a) Children in public care¹

1 As defined in the Medway Co-ordinated Admission Scheme

b) Current Family Association, ie. an older sibling² who is on the roll of the school when the application is made, living in the same household, and who must still be attending at the point of entry.

2 'Sibling' means an older brother or sister, step-brother or sister, foster brother or sister, or those who live as brother or sister in the same house. In all cases, children must reside in the same household.

c) Residence within an access area³

3 As defined in the Medway Local Authority 'Admission to Secondary School' booklet and as published on the school website

d) Nearness of children's homes⁴

4 The Governors of The Thomas Aveling School have adopted Medway Council's criteria for measuring the nearness of children's homes to the school when allocating places. Distance will be measured by the shortest available safe walking route between home and school, as measured by Medway Council's Geographical Information System and as defined in the Medway Local Authority 'Admission to Secondary School' booklet.

Please note for children of multiple birth –

In the event of a school being oversubscribed where the parent/carer for the final qualifying place(s) available is the parent/carer of twins, triplets or other multiple birth, the school will give multiple birth applications a higher priority for a place than other applications with the exception of children in public care.

Parents/carers/carers must tick the appropriate box on the application to indicate the children are of multiple birth.

Tiebreaker –

In the unlikely event that two or more children in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the school, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place.

Procedure for Admissions into Years 8-11, and Year 7 after the normal September admissions round:

All applications for admissions for pupils in Years 8-11, and for Year 7 received after the normal September admissions round, may be made either direct to the school or via the Local Authority, both of whom will share information with regard to the availability of places. Parents will be informed of their right to appeal against the refusal of a place. The Local Authority will, on request, provide parents with information about places available in all schools within its area.

All applications will be considered, and decisions made, by the Admissions Authority of the Thomas Aveling School. A vacancy will be deemed to have arisen if the number of children on roll in the Year Group is less than the published admission number (PAN) for that year. It should be noted that from September 2012, the PAN for new Year 7 entrants to the school was raised to 190 but remains at 180 for other year groups. Any additional children admitted will be at the discretion of the Headteacher.

Procedure for Admissions into Year 12:

In addition to students applying for Sixth Form places from Year 11, up to 30 students may be admitted for the first time up to the Planned Admission Number of 180. Students will be admitted on the following basis:

Advanced Level Courses: That the minimum entry requirements of 5 GCSE Grades A*-C (or the equivalent) is met. Offers of places will remain conditional until actual results are verified. Course entry requirements for specific Advanced courses are published in the Sixth Form Prospectus.

Entry for Consortium courses may be subject to different criteria.

Over-subscription Criteria:

The over-subscription criteria for pupils in Year 7 will also be applied for Year 12. Admissions are subject to a vacancy existing on the course for which the student is applying.

Waiting Lists:

No waiting lists will be held for Years 7-13. In respect of Rising Year 7, as set out in the co-ordinated scheme, the Local Authority will be responsible for holding a waiting list for parents who request their child's name to be added. This waiting list will operate for at least one term in the academic year of admission and will be ranked in the same order as the published over-subscription criteria.

Appeals:

If you are not offered a place at our school, you have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel. Appeal papers will be forwarded on request to all those parents who named Thomas Aveling on their preference list but were unsuccessful in gaining a place. Please ensure that those are returned to the Clerk to the Appeal Panel at the school. The closing date on the appeal application form must be adhered to.

Late Applications:

Will be handled as detailed in the Medway Co-ordinated Admission Scheme.