

Response to Request for Information

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Heath Park Year 7 intake September 2018

Request:

1. Could you please tell me how many pupils have been currently allocated a place at Heath Park year 7 despite not putting this school as their first choice on the application form?
For clarification this is the school on the Prestwood Road, Wednesfield, WV11 and the pupils are due to start in September 2018 that is why I have stated currently.

In response to your question, 23 at initial allocation (national allocation day 1 March 2018).

Paragraph 1.9 c) of the School Admissions Code states that 'It is for admission authorities to formulate their admission arrangements, but they **must not** give extra priority to children whose parents rank preferred schools in a particular order, including 'first preference first' arrangements.

4 appeals have been upheld for Heath Park where the Academy was not the first preference.

2. What is the percentage of pupils who have been accepted who are outside of the catchment area for Heath Park but have been offered a place.
The Academy does not operate a catchment area. For entry to Year 7 in September 2018 Heath Park Academy is oversubscribed as the number of applications for the school exceeded the published admission number.

As a result the oversubscription criteria has been applied when allocating places. Places were allocated as follows

Children with Statements of SEN or an Education Health and Care Plan are given overall priority to the named school. Remaining places are then allocated in accordance with the criteria below.

- **Criterion 1: Looked After Children** (as defined by Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) and previously Priority will be given to a child Looked After Children in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority or children previously deemed to be looked after.

- **Criterion 2: Medical/Social** Whether there are specific medical or social circumstances that can be met only by the child's attendance at the preferred school
- **Criterion 3: Siblings** Whether siblings attend the school and will still be attending the school in September 2018
- **Criterion 4: Distance** How close the child lives to the school requested, with those living closest to the school getting the highest priority. The measurement between home and school will be determined by the straightline measurement from the home address to the preferred school carried out by the LA's software.

Places have been allocated in accordance with this criteria, as detailed below:

Published Admission Number = **200**

4 Children allocated with Statements of SEN or an Education Health and Care Plan

4 child allocated in accordance with criteria 1 above (Looked after Child)

73 children allocated in accordance with criteria 3 above (siblings)

119 children allocated in accordance with criteria 4 above (distance) with the furthest distance being allocated to an applicant that lived 0.805 miles from the school.

Should a school admission appeal be successful, then the distance that child lives (home to school in a straight line measurement) may be further than the last place offered at initial allocation.