



Farmor's School

Integrity, Fellowship and Endeavour

Sixth Form Admissions Policy

Admission year 2023-2024

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Farmor's is an Academy school which aims to offer places in the Sixth Form to students up to the age of 19. The school's Governing Board is the Admissions Authority and administrator for the school.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to set out the admission criteria and application process for entry to Farmor's Sixth Form for the school year commencing September 2023 and to clarify the order of priority should the number of applications meeting the entry criteria exceed the number of places available.
- 1.2 This policy aims to ensure that all applications are dealt with in a fair and equitable manner.
- 1.3 Applications for places in years 7 to 11 are dealt with under the school's Admissions Policy Years 7-11.

2. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER POLICIES

- 2.1 This policy operates in conjunction with the school's Admissions Policy Years 7-11 and Equality and Diversity Policy.

3. PRINCIPLES

- 3.1 The maximum number of admissions to the **Sixth Form in September 2023 is 150**
- 3.2 Applications are welcome from all prospective students regardless of whether they have attended Farmor's School prior to the Sixth Form.

4. DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 For the purposes of this policy, the following terms have the following definitions.

Geographical claim

Geographical claim is calculated by giving priority for admission to children who live nearest to the school as measured by using direct distance, as the crow flies; from the Ordnance Survey address point of the child's primary home to the main entrance gate of the school in Leaffield

Looked after Children

A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. In Gloucestershire, such children are referred to as Children in Care.

This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children's Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders). Under the provisions of s.12 of the Children and Families Act 2014.

See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

Previously Looked After Children

Children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.

Siblings

For this purpose, sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner as well as children who are brought together as a family by a same sex civil partnership. In every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address, at the time of application. Where a child lives with both parents on a 50/50 (equal) basis, both parents must agree and confirm the pupil's address, which must be the same address as the preference school has registered for the sibling connection to apply. The parents' agreement and application must be made before the closing dates in order for the sibling connection to apply.

Educational Healthcare Plan (EHCP)

An EHCP is a statement made by a local Authority under Section 324 of the Education Act 1996 specifying the special educational provision required for a child.

5. ADMISSIONS CRITERIA AND PROCESS

5.1 Method of application

- 5.1.1 Applications for a place in the Sixth Form are to be made on the Sixth Form application form.
- 5.1.2 The prospectus and application forms are published in November of the year preceding the year of entry to the Sixth Form. These may be obtained from the school Sixth Form Administrator, or via the school website www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk.
- 5.1.3 Applications can be made by completing and returning the paper application form or electronically via the online submission system which is accessible via the school website.
- 5.1.4 The deadline for application will be published in the prospectus for each academic year. We will consider later applications from students who meet entry criteria, if places are available and if we are confident that the applicant will, as a result of any time lost in the year, be able to catch up successfully.

5.2 Entry requirements

- 5.2.1 The School's aim is to accept students onto courses they can be successful in pursuing. In making this judgment, Farmer's will look for an appropriate level of prior academic achievement in appropriate subjects and in accordance with the principles of this policy.
- 5.2.2 The entrance requirements may vary from year to year. These are available on the school's website. Applicants will be expected to achieve a certain number of GCSEs at a specified grade and meet the specific requirements for study of each course they wish to pursue.
- 5.2.3 The School reserves the right to give special consideration to applicants not achieving the entry criteria on the grounds of medical conditions, disability, disadvantage or other special circumstances where the school believes the applicant's prior attainment may not reflect their true ability with regards to A Level study.
- 5.2.4 Where the number of applications does not exceed the number of places available all applicants who meet the entry criteria must be offered a place at Farmer's Sixth Form.

5.3 Admissions priority

5.3.1 Where the number of applications which meet the entry criteria exceed the number of places available the following criteria, in the order set out below, will be applied to decide which applicants to admit:

- a. A 'looked after child' (1) or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption (2), child arrangements order (residency order) (3) or special guardianship order (4) including those 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 (5)
- b. Applicants on the roll at Farmor's at the end of Year 11.
- c. Applicants who will have siblings at Farmor's at the time of admission.
- d. Applicants who have an authenticated medical reason for attending Farmor's. Consideration under this category must be supported by a written statement from the applicant's doctor which must show a very specific connection between the medical need of the applicant and the facilities or resources at Farmor's.
- e. Applicants who are the children of staff at the school. An applicant is considered to fall under this criterion where:
 - i. 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, and/or
 - ii. the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

If applicants wish to be considered under either of these criteria then a letter from the Head Teacher confirming which of the criteria stated above applies must be provided to The Local Authority with the application.

- f. Applicants with the strongest geographical claim.

5.3.2 In the event of oversubscription being reached at any point in the priority list then the subsequent priority would apply. Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in category f above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two applicants' homes and the school is the same. This process will be independently verified.

6. EDUCATION HEALTH AND CARE PLANS (EHCP)

6.1 The school is required to admit a child with an Educational Health & Care Plan who is named by the Local Authority, even if the school is full. An Education, Health and Care plan is a plan made by a local authority under Section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014 specifying the special education, health and care provision required for a child. These were previously known as a Statement of Special Educational Needs.

7. SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CODE AND CONSULTATION

7.1 This policy has been produced and consultation taken place in accordance with the requirements of the School Admissions Code December 2014, as amended in September 2015. The school is

bound by and will observe the provisions of the School Admissions Code, as amended from time to time.

8. APPEALS

8.1 Applicants refused admission are entitled to appeal to an independent appeals panel. Details of the appeal process are available from the school on request.

9. MONITORING, REPORTING AND EVALUATION

9.1 Success, achievement and retention data is reviewed and evaluated regularly by Heads of Department to ensure the admissions criteria and this policy are fit for purpose.

9.2 The Senior Leadership Team of the school will report on the workings of this policy to the Governing Board of the school. The Governing Board will evaluate the impact of and monitor the correct application of this policy.

Headteacher



Date

18th January 2022

Chair of Governors



Date

25th January 2022