

## Response to Request for Information

Reference      FOI 001198  
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### ***Year 7 Admissions***

#### **Request:**

I would like to request a copy of Coppice Farm High Schools year 7 admissions over the last 3 years please.

I would like to know how many children were allocated a place and how many in each class over the last 3 years.

The Local authority can confirm that for 15/16 ,16/17 and 17/18 (i.e. the last 3 years) Coppice Performing Arts School has been oversubscribed. This has meant that the number of applications for the school has exceeded the published admission number.

As a result the oversubscription criteria for the school has been applied when allocating places.

**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.**

#### **1. Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children**

Priority will be given to a child who is in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority or a child who has been adopted (or is subject to a residence order or special guardianship order) immediately following being in the care of a Local Authority.

#### **Supporting Evidence**

If the child is in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority this must be indicated on the common application form and evidence (e.g. evidence of child in care from the placement authority) to support this claim must be submitted with the preference form.

If the child has previously been in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by them and has subsequently been adopted, or is subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order this must be indicated on the common application form and evidence (e.g. adoption certificate/copy of court order) to support this claim must be submitted with the common application form.

## **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.

### **Supporting Evidence**

If parents believe there are specific reasons, medical or social, for claiming priority for their child to attend a particular school these special factors must be indicated on the form and evidence (e.g. a letter from a registered health professional such as a doctor or a social worker) to support this claim must be submitted with the common application form. The information submitted must state clearly the effects of the condition/illness and why the preferred school is the **only** school that can meet their child's needs. This is necessary because parents would be asking the Authority to assess their child as having a stronger case than many other children, even some who live closer to the school in question than they do. The information provided will be used to prioritise the request for a particular school. Please note that only in exceptional cases are places prioritised in respect of a child's/parent's medical/social grounds.

## **3. Siblings**

Whether siblings attend the school (or the associated Infant/Junior School) and will still be attending the school in the September of the year of admission.

## **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 straight line measurement from the home address to the preferred school carried out by the LA's software.

### **2015/2016**

Published Admission Number = **180**

### **2016/2017**

Published Admission Number = **180**

### **2017/2018**

Published Admission Number = **180**

With reference to how many pupils were/are in each class, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold this information as this would be a decision for each school and the admissions team would not hold this information. The admissions service is responsible for allocating students to the published admission limit (in this instance 180). How each respective school then chooses to organise these students would not be known by the admissions service.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to this part of your question, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

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"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".