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DETERMINED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

2024/25

Star Salford Academy



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Star Salford Academy is part of Star Academies and is a progressive and inclusive 11 – 16 school. It is our mission to deliver the very best education to young people in our schools. The Trust will consider all applications equally in accordance with this policy.

Admission Number

The school has an admission number of 150 for entry in Year 7.

The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year group are received, the Academy Trust (the Trust) will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

Application Process

The admissions process is part of Salford City Council's determined scheme for co-ordinated admissions to secondary schools.

All applicants are required to complete their home Local Authority's common application form by 31 October 2023.

Parents receive notification on the outcome of their application on 1 March 2024.

The published admission number for Year 7 is 150.

All applicants will be admitted if 150 or fewer apply.

If the school is oversubscribed, children will be admitted in accordance with the oversubscription criteria in the order listed below, once all children with an education, health and care plan, naming the school are admitted.

Oversubscription criteria

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order, 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 (see note 1).
2. Priority will next be given to the children of staff who have been recruited to fill a skill-shortage area (see note 2).
3. Priority will next be given to children based on their exceptional medical or social needs. Each application must include evidence, from a medical specialist or social worker of the child's need and why they must attend this school rather than any other, based on those needs. If evidence is not submitted to the Trust with the application, a child's medical or social needs cannot be considered (see note 3).
4. Priority will next be given to the siblings of pupils attending the school at the time the



application is received (see note 4).

5. Other children.

Notes

1. 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.

A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society (see Section 23ZZA(8) of the Children's Act 1989 (inserted by Section 4 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017)).

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 Act 2002 (see Section 46 adoption orders).

Child arrangement orders are defined Section 8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by Section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangement orders replace residence orders and any residence orders in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order.

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).

2. A child becomes eligible for consideration when parent(s) of child on the payroll of the school completes the section on the application form.
3. 'Social need' does not include a parent's wish that a child attends the school because of a child's aptitude or ability or because their friends attend the school. 'Medical need' does not include mild medical conditions.

For a place to be offered under this criterion, the information must confirm the exceptional medical or social need and demonstrate how Star Salford Academy is the only school that can meet the defined needs of the child. In all cases the medical or social need must be permanent or long term. For medical conditions affecting mobility, consideration will only be given if Star Leadership Academy, Salford is nearest to the child's home. It is the parent's responsibility to provide the information directly to the school. Failure to provide the supporting information by the closing date may result in the application not being considered under this criterion.

4. Sibling refers to full, half, adopted, step, foster sister or the child of the parents partner, and in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address.

Home Address

The child's home address is considered to be the child's parent/carer(s) place of residence, that is to say, where they are normally and regularly living.



If parents are separated and the child spends time at each parents' address, the address which will be used for admission to schools is the address where the child sleeps the majority of the school nights (Sunday to Thursday) during the week in term time. Where there is dispute or equal nights are slept, the parent will be asked to provide proof of the address registered with the child's GP.

If a child is resident with friends or relatives for reasons other than guardianship, the friend or relative's address will not be considered.

We may ask to see two to four forms of evidence of your home address (photocopies are acceptable). This may include, for example:

- proof of where you are registered for council tax
- your television licence
- wage/ salary slip
- proof of your child tax credits

Any evidence you provide must show that the parent or main carer lives at this address. We may seek evidence by other means if the parent/carer is unable to provide sufficient proof of their residence.

If your address changes temporarily (for example, if you go to live with a relative or there is another reason for temporary vacation of the permanent residence) you cannot use this temporary address for the purpose of your application.

Tie-break

If a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the school will be given priority for admission. The distance will be measured in a straight line using the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) information to measure the distance between the address point (including flats) of the child's home address and the centre of the school address in miles.

Random allocation undertaken by the local authority will be used as a tie-break in categories where there are more applications than there are places available in any criterion above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the academy is equidistant in any two or more cases.

Random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place. We will admit them all and exceed our PAN.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested and the year group in which they wish their child to be allocated a place.

When such a request is made, the Trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the



case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

Waiting Lists

The school will operate a waiting list. Where the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the first term after the beginning of the school year. This will be maintained by the school. All those who are refused admission will automatically be included on the waiting list.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code. The appeals process is managed by Salford City Council. Appellants should contact the School Appeals Team via [School appeals • Salford City Council](#) by 31 March 2023 for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on our website at www.starsalford.org