



**THE EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE OF CANFORD HEATH**  
**CANFORD HEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL**  
**ADMISSIONS POLICY 2016/17**

**FOR ENTRY INTO YEAR THREE**

No Catchment area.

The Educational Alliance of Canford Heath will admit pupils without reference to a defined catchment area for admissions from September 2016 onwards.

Preference given to pupils within the TEACH Trust. Canford Heath Junior School belongs to the TEACH Trust. The Trust will operate a preference system that, once a pupil is admitted to one of its Infant schools (Ad Astra, Canford Heath Infant) it will, whilst acknowledging its admission criteria below, give priority to a place for the pupil at one of its two Junior schools (Haymoor, Canford Heath Junior). Therefore, parents who state a preference for their child to attend one of the Trusts two Infant schools will benefit from the opportunity for their child to attend a fully co-ordinated Primary education setting until their child leaves school at the end of Year 6.

Statement of Special Educational Needs / Education, Health and Care Plan

Pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan issued by a local authority naming Canford Heath Junior School will be admitted before preferences are considered for admission in September.

Over-subscription

Where there are more applications than places available at Canford Heath Junior School, the following criteria will be used, in numerical order, to decide the priority list for the offering of places up to the school's Published Admission Number (120 places) for the admission year group. The distance from home to school, criterion 5, is used as a tie-breaker if there are more applications than places available under criteria 1-4.

1. A "Child in Care" or who was "previously a Child in Care" (see Note 1)
2. Pupils who have a sibling (see Note 3) who is already on the roll of the school and will continue to attend the school at the time of admission.
3. Pupils who currently attend the Federated feeder Infant school in the Trust (Canford Heath Infant).
4. Pupils who currently attend any other school in the Trust (Ad Astra Infant, Haymoor Junior).

5. Pupils who live (see Note 2) closest to the school. The distance is measured by a Geographical Information System (see Note 4). If the distance measurement is equal for two or more applicants the place will be allocated by the drawing of lots (See Note 5)

### **Applications for a place in any year group other than a pupil's correct age related National Curriculum year group**

Applications for pupils to be educated outside their normal national curriculum year group will be considered on their individual merits by a specialist trust group panel.

Applicants must provide with their application form the following information in support of their request:

1. Clear, documented evidence that to place the pupil in his/her normal age group would be detrimental to his/her educational progress or likely exam performance.
2. Clear evidence that it is in the interests of the pupil's social and emotional development to be placed in a different year group.
3. Clear evidence that the pupil has previously been placed in a different year group and this has had positive benefits.

(A pupil would need to meet Criteria 1 and 2 above in all cases, for an out of year group admission to be agreed. The existence of Criterion 3 would serve to strengthen a case.)

### **In-year admissions – Children in Care and Former Children in Care**

A Child in Care may be admitted to Canford Heath Junior School above the Published Admission number if it is felt by the local authority that this is the most appropriate placement to meet the needs of the individual child. The Borough of Poole has adopted a Protocol for dealing with in-year admissions of Children in Care and children who were in care but who have been adopted or became subject to a residence order, a child arrangement order or special guardianship order.

### **Applications from separated parents**

Only one application can be considered for each pupil. Where parents are separated it is essential that agreement is reached by both parties concerning the nominated preferred schools. If agreement cannot be reached the school admission authority will only consider the application from the parent who is the prime carer for the child. The prime carer is the parent in whose name Child Benefit payments are made. If Child Benefit payments are not received by either parent then the address that the child has been registered with a General Practitioner (GP) at will be considered as the address for the prime carer.

### **Applications for children of multiple births**

If there are insufficient places to accommodate all the children of a multiple birth (i.e. twins, triplets etc) in any year group and one child can be admitted, the other siblings of the multiple birth will be admitted over the school's Published Admission Number.

### **In Year Fair Access**

All the admission authorities in Poole have established an In Year Fair Access Protocol. The purpose of the Protocol is to ensure an equitable distribution of in-year admission placements of

pupils without a school place or with challenging behaviour. Cases are considered by a Panel comprising Headteachers and/or their representatives. Decisions of the Panel may mean that individual schools may have to admit pupils, which could result in the Published Admission Number being exceeded.

### **Admissions arrangements**

Admission to all Poole schools will be in accordance with the agreed scheme for co-ordinated admission arrangements 2016/17.

All the admission authorities within Poole operate an equal preference admissions system. This means that all first, second and third preference applications are considered together. The local authority will offer the highest ranked preference possible.

## **Notes**

1. A “Child in Care” means any child who is in the care of a local authority in accordance with Section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989. A child who was “previously a Child in Care” means a child who after being Looked After became subject to an Adoption Order under the Adoption Act 1976 or under Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, a Residence Order or Child Arrangement Order under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 or Special Guardianship Order under Section 14A of the Children Act 1989.
2. Addresses. The school admission authority will consider that a child lives at the address at which he/she lives during the school week. Where a child lives at more than one address during the school week, the school will consider the home address as being where the prime carer resides. The “prime carer” is the person in whose name Child Benefit payments for the individual child are made. If Child Benefit payments are not received by either parent, then the address that the child has been registered with a General Practitioner (GP) at will be considered as the home address of the prime carer. The final decision on the home address of a child will be made by the school. If any information supplied by an applicant is judged by the school to be fraudulent or intentionally misleading the school may refuse to offer a place, or if already offered, may withdraw the offer.
3. “Sibling” means; a full brother or sister, a half-brother or half-sister, adoptive brother or sister, a foster brother or sister and non-blood related children who live with one or both parents or carers in the same property during the school week
4. (a) The distance from home to school is measured by using the shortest, safe and practicable walking route using the centre line of public roads and footpaths (excluding paths identified for the sole use of bicycles i.e. cycleways) from the nearest point on the public highway to the centre point of the child’s home address (see Note 2 above for definition of home address) to a point opposite the nearest approved access point on school property that is for the use of pupils. The centre point of the child’s home address is the centre of the land parcel that the building resides on. The GIS maps used are provided by Ordnance Survey and represent the position as at the beginning of the annual admission cycle i.e. September in the year prior to admission. Any footpaths or roads added after this time will not be taken into consideration until the next academic year of application.

(b) For applicants living on islands within Poole harbour the distance measurement will be a straight line from the centre point of the home property (see Note 2 and 4(a) above) to either:

1. the nearest public landing steps at Poole Quay, or
2. a point on the mainland that the applicant proves to the satisfaction of the school that he/she can access

and from that point the distance will be measured using the shortest, safe and practicable walking route to the nearest point on the public highway and from there using the shortest, safe and practicable walking route using the centre line of public roads and footpaths (excluding paths identified for the sole use of bicycles i.e. cycleways) to a point opposite the nearest approved access point on school property that is for the use of pupils.

(c) If an applicant advises the school that the child would or could use the Sandbanks/Studland Chain Ferry in the journey to school then the distance will be measured on that basis from the home address (see Note 2) in line with Note 4(a) above, including the distance travelled by the ferry.

5. If there are insufficient places to accommodate all applicants and the distance criterion is used, the school admission authority will use random allocation for applicants living an equal distance from the school (up to three decimal points) or at the same address or in the same block of flats who are eligible for the remaining places. Applicants will have their names drawn as lots to see who should be offered the place(s). The person drawing the names will be a member of the Trust who has no involvement with school admissions.