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Generic Defence Statement

Greenacre Academy Secondary School

Admission Appeals for Year 7 in September 2021

Published Admission Number: 180

Oversubscription Criteria

a) Looked after Children/Previously Looked After Children

As defined in the School Admissions Arrangements 2021/22: Oversubscription Criteria Paragraph 1 and the Medway Co-ordinated Scheme for Secondary Admission Academic Year 2021/2022:

School Admissions Arrangements

1. Looked after children, and all previously looked after children. The school participates in the Local Authority co-ordinated scheme and all deadlines within that should be adhered to be applicants. As required by the Regulations of 2005 the school will give the top priority in their oversubscription criteria to applicants on behalf of looked after children (A 'child looked after' is a child who is (a) in the care of the 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 the application to a school) and previously looked after children. Previously children looked after are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).

Medway Co-ordinated Scheme for Secondary Admissions Academic Year 2021/22:

Looked after children/Previously looked after children: Looked after children are children who are (i) in the care of a local authority, or (ii) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (as defined in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making the application for a school. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (under the terms of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, Section 46) or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order (under the terms of the Children Act 1989, Section 8 and Section 14A). Please note that the Council will require a copy of the adoption/residence order to validate this criterion and evidence that the child was previously looked after.

b) Current family association

(a sibling in the school at the time of application and still attending in September 2022), *Sibling means children who live as brother/sister in the same house and includes natural siblings, adopted siblings, foster siblings and step siblings. Extended family, for example cousins, living in the same house do not qualify as siblings.*

c) Children previously in Care outside of England

Children who appear to Greenacre Academy to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. 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

d) Children of a member of staff working at the school

Where the member of staff has been employed for two or more years.

e) Attendance in Year 6 at a Skills for Life Trust Primary School in Medway

(i.e. Warren Wood Primary or Hilltop Primary)

f) Historical Sibling

Priority will be given to applicants with an older sibling who attended Greenacre Academy but has now left within the past 5 years. Sibling means children who live as a brother/sister in the same house and includes natural siblings, adopted siblings, foster siblings and step siblings. Extended family, for example cousins, living in the same house do not qualify as siblings.

g) Child's health reasons.

Medical evidence must be provided which demonstrates a specific health reason which requires a child to attend Greenacre as their preferred school.

h) Residence in the Greenacre Academy's access area.

i) Nearness of children's homes and ease of access to schools

(In the event of a tie within any criterion, before the last criterion, places will be allocated to those living closest to the school measured by the shortest available walking route. 'Distances and routes calculated will represent the shortest route to school from the child's home address using roads and paths that are known to the graphical information software (GIS) utilised by School Admissions & Transport'). Evidence of residence may be required.

In the unlikely event that a tie breaker is required for oversubscription criteria 9 the relevant names will be issued with a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place.

In the last two Academic Years Greenacre Academy has increased its Pupil Admission Number (PAN) from 160 to 180 to accommodate Medway LA need for more school spaces to deal with increased demand. As a result Greenacre Academy has 40 more students than it could accommodate. To support this accommodation Greenacre Academy were granted 2 new classrooms and a block of toilets to be built which have been recently completed in the 2020/21 Academic year. This means that Greenacre Academy is once again at capacity.

Greenacre Academy is taking 180 students as it's PAN again in the Academic Year 2021/22, as well as offering increased numbers to it's joint sixth form - PGW to ensure all students have access to further education during the COVID pandemic.

For Greenacre Academy this means that we are significantly increased in pupil number in both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 5 and have a waiting list in the current Year 7 for admission. Greenacre also has a waiting list of 6 students for the September 2021 intake.

Due to the size of the 1970's building and it's current state of repair we have no ability to create further Design and Technology rooms, which have a maximum occupancy of 20 students, due to health and safety protocols.

Due to the size of the site we currently have no funding or space to invest in new build areas. To take more students above the agreed 180 PAN would cause health and safety concerns and practical specialist subjects would be at risk of not being delivered.

The Governing body and Trust board have carefully considered Greenacre Academy's oversubscription criteria. With the local arrangement in place with Medway LA for Greenacre to take extra students to support the lack of school places, we are already at maximum capacity and the Governors and Trust board feel that any further addition to the PAN would compromise the health and safety of the students already on roll.

