

**Walderslade Girls
School
Admissions
Arrangements
September 2020**



Procedure for admission into Year 7

Detailed information and guidance will be published in the Medway Council information 'Admission to Secondary School: A guide for parents'. Applications should be made using the online admission system or a common application form (CAF).

The age of admission is 11 years. ***The planned admission number (PAN) for the year commencing September 2020 will be 160.***

The Governors will establish an Independent Statutory Appeal Panel to hear appeals against non-admission.

Over-subscription criteria

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below:

- 1. Children in public care** – (as defined in the LA co-ordinated scheme)
- 2. Children previously in Care outside of England** - Children who appear to WGS 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.
- 3. Sibling** – a sister attending Walderslade Girls School or brother attending Greenacre Academy at the time of application and who will still be attending in September 2020. Sibling means children who live as brother/sister in the same house and includes adopted siblings, foster siblings and step siblings. (Extended family, for example cousins, living in the same house, do not qualify as siblings).
- 4. Attendance in Year 6 at a Skills for Life Trust Primary School in Medway Feeder schools:**
 - Warren Wood Primary School
 - Hilltop Primary Academy
- 5. Historical Sibling** – girls with an older sibling who attended Walderslade Girls School but who has now left. This applies to girls whose older sibling left up to 5 years prior to September 2020. 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).
- 6. Child's health reasons** – Medical evidence must be provided to Medway Council. This evidence must demonstrate a specific link between the child's medical condition and needs and how the named school can meet these needs.
- 7. Residence in the Walderslade Girls' School access area**

8. Nearness of children's home – as defined in the LA co-ordinated scheme using Medway Council's Geographical Information System

Tiebreaker –

In the unlikely event that two or more children in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the school, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place.

Procedure for admission into Year 7-11

All applications for admissions for students in Year 8 – 11 must be made to the School Admissions Officer.

The above listed over-subscription criteria will apply.

Procedure for admission into Year 12

Minimum entry requirements for Year 12:

Places will firstly be offered to children in Local Authority care. i.e. a child under the age of 18 years for whom the Local Authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the children Act 1989) or who is subject of a care order under Part IV of the Act.

To study Level 3 (Advanced level) courses – 5 GCSEs at grades with some subject specific requirements 4-9 and an average point score at GCSE of 38 or above.

Priority will be given to existing pupils transferring from Year 11.

Pupils are admitted to the Sixth Form subject to the following:

- a formal application by pupil and parent and a pupil interview to determine the courses to be studied
- availability of a specific course or combination of courses

Pupils maybe offered a trial place in 6th form if the school deems it appropriate.

The school reserves the right to withdraw courses if there is insufficient student demand.

After a place has been offered, the school reserves the right to withdraw the place in the following circumstances:

1. when a parent has failed to respond to an offer within a reasonable time; or
2. when a parent has failed to notify the school of important changes to the application information; or
3. The Academy offered the place on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from a parent.

ADMISSION FOR CHILDREN WITH STATEMENTS OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OR AN EDUCATION HEALTH & CARE PLAN (EHCP)

The admissions arrangements for children with Statements of Special Educational Needs are the responsibility of Medway Council. For advice on such arrangements, parents should contact the Medway SEN Officer at the following address: Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent. ME4 4TR, Telephone 01634 337170