



## WEST HATCH HIGH SCHOOL

### ADMISSIONS CRITERIA 2016-17

**The admission oversubscription policy is as follows:**

**Published Admission Number: 189**

**Where the number of applications for admission is greater than 189 for 2016, applications will be considered against the following order of criteria set out below:-**

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children

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 (as defined in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

A previously looked after child is a child that immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order will be given first priority in oversubscription criteria, in accordance with the School Admissions Code (Dec 2014).
2. Siblings

A relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends West Hatch High School in any year group, irrespective of place of residence. A sibling link to a child in Year 11, or Year 12, will only be taken to exist at the time of application and determination where the brother or sister has completed their statutory education at West Hatch High School and where there is an intention that the Year 11 child will be returning to the school for a post 16 course of study.

Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

In the case of twins or triplets etc, both or all will be offered places.
3. Children of Staff

Children of members of staff who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which application for admission is made, or who are recruited to fill vacant posts for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Children living in the Priority Admissions Area

(map available on the school's website)

West Hatch operates a Priority Admissions Area. Within this criterion, children will be ranked in distance order for admission by straight line distance within the Priority Admissions Area. Those living nearer will have a higher priority, starting with the nearest first.

All straight line distances are calculated electronically by the local authority using data provided jointly by the Post Office and Ordnance Survey. The data is used to plot the co-ordinates of each individual

property and the school. Distances are reported in miles to three decimal places.

In the unlikely event of applicants with an identical distance competing for a single place at a school, the place will be offered to one applicant on the basis of lots drawn by a member of school staff not involved in admissions, with the exception of twins, triplets etc.

5. Remaining applications      In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from the home to school, with those living nearest having highest priority.

If undersubscription should occur priority will be determined without regard to the Priority Admission Area. Those living nearest to the school will be given the highest priority using straight line distance.

6. Waiting List      A waiting list will be kept by the Local Authority for the first week of the Autumn Term only and the school will maintain this waiting list for the remainder of the year.

*Exceptional medical or special circumstances may override the above if fully supported by professional documentation.*

*Children with an Education, Health & Care Plan will normally be admitted to the school providing the school can meet the child's needs.*

*Unsuccessful applicants have the right to an independent appeal using the form provided by the school.*

*All New Year 7 applications should be made via your Local Authority in the first instance using the online facility on their website. A second form (Evidence of Address Form) must be completed and sent directly to the school. See attached.*

Review Date: Annually

Consultation: Every 7 Years (due 2022)