

Mossbourne Riverside Academy

Admission Arrangements for 2028–2029

Proposed admission arrangements

PROCESS OF APPLICATION

Mossbourne Riverside Academy opened in September 2015. Its admission arrangements form part of Hackney Education's co-ordinated admissions scheme.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

The application process is set out in Hackney Education's admission arrangements. The Academy's Published Admission Number (PAN) for Reception in September 2028 is 90. The Academy will consider all applications for places. Where 90 or fewer applications are received, places will be offered to all applicants.

All children whose Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) names Mossbourne Riverside Academy must be admitted. These children are admitted before the oversubscription criteria are applied.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

Where there are more applications than places available, places will be allocated in the following priority order:

I. Looked-after and previously looked-after children

Looked-after children and all previously looked-after children, including children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A looked-after child is a child who is in the care of a local authority or is being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of its social services functions. A previously looked-after child is a child who was looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order, immediately following having been looked after.

II. Children with a Child Protection Plan

Children with a Child Protection Plan for whom the Academy is their nearest school.

III. Siblings

Children with a sibling on roll at the Academy at the time of application.

IV. Acute medical or social need

Children whose acute medical or social need justifies a place at the Academy. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to provide supporting professional evidence, for example from a GP, consultant or social worker. The evidence must demonstrate why the child's needs make Mossbourne Riverside Academy particularly suitable and why those needs cannot reasonably be met at another school.

V. Children of staff

Children of staff employed by Mossbourne Riverside Academy where the Academy reasonably considers that the member of staff was recruited to fill a vacant post for which there was a demonstrable skills

shortage. For the purposes of this criterion, 'staff' means employees whose substantive place of work is Mossbourne Riverside Academy.

VI. Distance

Children living nearest to the point at Latitude 51.547042, Longitude -0.017364235 (on the River Lea, east of Waterden Road). The Academy is one of three schools planned as part of the development of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. As part of this planning, the Academy was identified to cater for children living in the Chobham Manor development. The designated point is approximately halfway between the Academy entrance and Chobham Manor.

Parents/carers moving into Chobham Manor after the closing date but before the start of the Autumn Term 2028, who wish their Chobham Manor address to be used as their home address for admissions purposes, must provide evidence of exchange of contracts, including the proposed completion date, at the time of application. Evidence should be sent to the Principal, Mossbourne Riverside Academy, East Bay Lane, London E15 2GW. Evidence confirming residence at the property must be submitted to the Academy by the start of the Summer Term 2028.

See  for the geographic reference point map.

TIE-BREAK AND MULTIPLE BIRTHS

Where two or more applications cannot otherwise be separated by the published oversubscription criteria, random computerised allocation will be used as the tie-break. The process will be supervised by a person who is independent of the Academy. Where a waiting-list vacancy requires a tie-break, a fresh random allocation will be carried out.

In the case of twins or siblings from a multiple birth, where one child is allocated the final available place, the Academy will ensure that their sibling(s) are also allocated a place. Where this results in an infant class exceeding 30 pupils, the additional child or children will be treated as excepted pupils in accordance with the infant class size legislation.

IN-YEAR ADMISSIONS, CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR AND FAIR ACCESS

The Academy will not refuse to admit a child on behavioural grounds in the normal admissions round or at any point in the normal year of entry, except where the statutory provisions relating to children who have been permanently excluded from two or more schools apply.

For an in-year application to a year group that is not the normal point of entry, the Academy may refuse admission on the grounds of challenging behaviour only where the circumstances set out in paragraphs 3.10–3.13 of the School Admissions Code 2021 apply. This provision will not be used to refuse admission to a looked-after child, a previously looked-after child or a child whose EHCP names the Academy.

The Academy will participate in Hackney's Fair Access Protocol in accordance with the School Admissions Code.

OPERATION OF THE WAITING LIST

The Academy will participate in Hackney Education's arrangements for the allocation of places and the maintenance of waiting lists. Where no place is available at the time of application, unsuccessful applicants will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with Hackney Education's co-ordinated scheme.

The waiting list for Reception 2028 will be maintained until at least 31 December 2028. The waiting list will be ordered in accordance with the Academy's published oversubscription criteria and not according to the date on which an application was received or a child's name was added to the list. Each time a child is added to the waiting list, the list will be re-ranked in accordance with the published oversubscription criteria.

ADMISSION OF CHILDREN BELOW COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE AND DEFERRED ENTRY

Children offered a place in Reception are entitled to a full-time place from the September following their fourth birthday. Parents/carers may defer the date their child is admitted until later in the school year, but not beyond the point at which the child reaches compulsory school age and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made.

Where parents/carers wish, a child may attend part-time until they reach compulsory school age, provided that this is within the school year for which the place was offered.

PARENTS/CARERS SEEKING ADMISSION OUTSIDE THE NORMAL AGE GROUP

Parents/carers may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. The admission authority will consider each request on the circumstances of the individual case and in the best interests of the child concerned.

In reaching a decision, the admission authority will take account of the parent/carer's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; relevant medical history and the views of medical professionals where appropriate; whether the child has previously been educated outside their normal age group; and whether the child may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if they had not been born prematurely. The views of the Principal will also be taken into account.

Parents/carers will be informed in writing of the decision and the reasons for it. Where a request to be admitted outside the normal age group is agreed, the application will be processed as part of the relevant admissions round and ranked in accordance with the Academy's published oversubscription criteria. Parents/carers should also refer to Hackney Education's guidance on admission outside the normal age group.

Please note: such requests will be only agreed in very exceptional circumstances.

DEFINITIONS

Mossbourne Riverside Academy – Throughout this document, the terms 'Mossbourne Riverside Academy' and 'the Academy' refer solely to Mossbourne Riverside Academy. Mossbourne Riverside Academy is its own admission authority.

Hackney Education – Hackney Education is the name used by Hackney Council for the part of the Council that provides education services. References to Hackney Education in this document mean Hackney Council. Hackney Education co-ordinates admissions to primary schools in Hackney as part of the Pan-London admissions arrangements.

Sibling – A sibling is a brother or sister, half-brother or half-sister, adopted brother or sister, stepbrother or stepsister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, living together as a family unit at the same address.

Home address – Where parental responsibility is equally shared, the home or residential address will be considered to be the address of the parent/carer with whom the child spends the majority of their time and nights from Monday to Friday. This address must be used for all school preferences.

Computerised distance calculation system – Distance will be measured in a straight line using a computerised measuring system from the point at Latitude 51.547042, Longitude -0.017364235 (on the River Lea, east of Waterden Road) to the eastings and northings provided by the National Land and Property Gazetteer for the applicant's home address.

Looked-after child (LAC) – A child who is in the care of a local authority, or is being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of its social services functions, at the time an application to a school is made.

Previously looked-after child (PLAC) – A child who was looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order, immediately following having been looked after. This also includes children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

APPEALS

Parents/carers whose application for a place is unsuccessful have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel. Parents/carers will be given at least 20 school days from the date of notification that their application was unsuccessful to prepare and lodge a written appeal.



Geographic location reference point

