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Our Core Christian values are:

Note that admission of pupils has, by law, to be in accordance with the Admissions Policy set by the Local Academy Board. Individual decisions have to be made by the whole Local Academy Board acting in accordance with that policy.

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6. Pupils who live nearest to the Academy by the shortest straight-line distance. The measurement will be taken using the GeoCode Points for each property and the GeoCode point for the Academy. The Local Authority uses a software package to determine distance. Ordnance Survey supplies the co-ordinates that are used to plot an address within this system. (In the event of equi-distance applicants, any place will be allocated by random selection (lottery). Someone totally independent of Children, Families and Communities will supervise this process).
7. Those who have an active involvement, parent and/or child, in the work and worship of a community of any established Christian religious faith, i.e. at least monthly attendance at the place of worship for a period of a year prior to application. A leader or representative of the religious community should provide written confirmation. If this information is missing, the criterion is not met.
8. Children who the Governors consider have a special reason for admission such as medical, physical or social circumstances. Parents/Carers will be required to produce a relevant medical certificate or appropriate information at the time of application.

In accordance with legislation, a child with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan will be offered a place at the Academy named in the Statement or the Plan.

Where there are too many applications from within the catchment area, priority will be decided in the following order, i.e.

Waiting lists, are maintained by the Academy, and parents need to apply, in order to be included. These waiting lists will be maintained until 31st August 2026. At that stage parents will need to reapply at the start of the following term if they wish to be included. Only on receipt of an acknowledgement letter from the Academy will that child be on the list.

As part of the Local Authority's Fair Access Protocol, the Academy with Key Stage 2, 3 and 4 classes will exceed the published admission number to admit pupils covered by the Protocol.

Following full public consultation the Cabinet of the County Council has approved, for Worcestershire Residents, a Scheme for In-Year Admissions, which is applicable for any in-year admissions for September 2020 onwards. Those applications will now be co-ordinated on behalf of all schools by School Admissions, on behalf of the Local Authority. The Co-ordinated Schemes for all Worcestershire schools can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/coordinatedschemes>

Should a place not be offered, parents have a right of appeal against the decision. Any appeal, which must be made on the form available from the school office, must be returned to the school (addressed to the Chair of Governors) within 20 school days of the date of the letter refusing a place.

Appeals will be heard by an Independent Appeals Panel whose decision is binding on all parties. The Panel will be constituted in accordance with the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 and the hearing conducted in line with the School Admission Appeals Code 2012 issued by the DfE (or any subsequent legislation or code of practice).

The Independent Appeals Panel will inform parents of the outcome of appeals.