

KINGSMEAD SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY SEPTEMBER 2013
(for consultation starting 8th December 2011)

In September 2006 Kingsmead School was designated a Performing and Visual Arts specialist school. Each year the school will admit up to ten percent of its intake (24 students from 242 total Year 7 intake) according to aptitude in Music, Drama and Art.

If your child can demonstrate that they show promise in the areas of Music, Drama or Art, she or he may be eligible for one of the special Performing and Visual Arts places.

Parents wishing to apply for one of the places listed above should acquire a supplementary application form from the school. Further details of what is involved in assessments for these places will be sent to you soon after the closing date.

In the event of oversubscription, the following admissions criteria will be applied.

1. Children in public care - looked after children and 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) (children who **were** looked after – is an amendment from Feb 2012).
2. Students who have brothers or sisters (siblings*) attending the school (including 6th form) who are on the roll of the school at the time applications are made.
3. Compelling medical reasons for attending the Academy. Robust and documented medical evidence must be provided in support from an appropriate independent registered professional such as a GP or hospital consultant. This documentation must set out why the Academy is the only school that can meet the young person's needs or circumstances.
4. Children of members of staff will be given a place at Kingsmead (staff must have been employed for a minimum of 2 years) Feb 2012.
5. Children living nearest to the school measured as the crow flies, that is, in a straight line from the child's home to the main entrance of the school. Travel by private car or public transport will not be taken into account.
 - All distances will be calculated by the Local Authority admissions IT system using ADDRESSPOINT®. This provides a national grid co-ordinate and a unique reference for each postal address in Great Britain. The grid reference is provided to a resolution of 0.1 metre (10cm). The accuracy of each ADDRESS-POINT ® is such that each point will fall within the addressed building. In the case of a multi-occupancy building such as flats where there may only be one address point, priority will be given to the applicant whose door number is the lowest numerically /or alphabetically.

*** Sibling details:** A sibling is a child who has one or more parents in common, or any other child (including an adopted child) who permanently lives at the same address and for whom the parent also has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act 1989, Part 1 Section 3.