

Slough and Eton Church of England Business and Enterprise College



A Member of Slough and East Berkshire C of E
Multi Academy Trust

Admissions Policy

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1. General

Slough and East Berkshire C of E Multi Academy Trust (SEBMAT) has been established to form a group of schools that can support each other to ensure the best possible outcomes for the young people in Slough and the nearby areas.

Slough and Eton builds on the tradition of our foundation as a Church of England School which, over the years, has welcomed all faiths and cultures. We have developed into a school that celebrates unity in diversity by educating a multi-faith community within the Christian ethos of the School. Students from a multitude of countries, nations, cultures and religions, work, play, learn and flourish together. In this way they develop respect and understanding for each other and are well prepared for life in the multi-cultural society in which they will live their adult lives.

All students are encouraged to acquire values and knowledge that underpin the Christian ethos of the School and develop an enjoyment of learning which will enable them to achieve a lifetime of fulfilment and success. The school promotes an environment of mutual respect where all members of the community are equally valued and work together in an atmosphere of tolerance and good humour.

2. Admissions to Year 7

The admission arrangements will apply to applicants for places in Year 7 from September 2020. Applicants will apply for places at Slough and Eton using the Common Application Form (CAF) provided by their Local Authority. The Planned Admission Number is 180. Priority will be given to students in the local community and applicants attending a Slough and Eton Multi Academy Trust (SEBMAT) primary school. Copies of the form are available on Slough Borough Council's website (slough.gov.uk/admissions) and from the Admissions and Access Team. Full details about the application process for Year 7 students will be available from Slough Borough Council in September 2019.

3. Applications to other Year Groups

Applications for other year groups should be made using the in-year application form available on Slough Borough Council's website (slough.gov.uk/admissions) and from the Admissions and Access Team. Full details of the application process for in-year applicants will be available from Slough Borough Council in September 2018.



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4. Oversubscription Criteria

All children who have a statement of special needs that names the school will be admitted. After this requirement is satisfied the following oversubscription criteria will apply with children being admitted by means of these criteria being applied in alphabetical order.

- (a) Looked after children and previously looked after children. (See note 1).
- (b) Feeder schools (Godolphin Junior, James Elliman Primary, Montem Primary and St Mary's CofE Primary) and children who attend any school that is formally linked with Slough and Eton through the SEBMAT. A maximum of 36 places will be available to SEBMAT Schools. The remaining places will be offered to children in the following categories.
- (c) Children who live in the catchment area of the school.
- (d) Children who have an older brother or sister at the school when the applicant will enter. Children are considered as siblings if they have brothers or sisters including step, adopted or foster brothers and sisters living in the same family unit and attending the school at the time the child is due to enter.
- (e) Children who have strong medical or social grounds for admission. The reasons must be fully supported in writing from a professional person involved in the case such as a doctor or social worker.
- (f) Children whose families have applied on denominational grounds and can provide written evidence of a commitment to Christian worship.
- (g) All other applicants.

If there are more applicants than places in any of the categories above, applicants living closest to the school will be given priority. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address to the main entrance of the school.

5. Withdrawing an offer of a place

The Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw an offer of a place if it was made in error, a parent fails to respond to the offer of a place within a reasonable period of time, or it is established that the offer of a place was obtained through a fraudulent or misleading application. Where a parent fails to respond to the offer of a place, the Governing Body will give the parent a further opportunity to respond and explain to them that the offer of a place will be withdrawn unless they respond by the specified date. Where an offer of a place is withdrawn on the basis of misleading information, the Governing Body will consider the application afresh, and will offer a right of appeal if admission cannot be offered.

The Governing Body will not withdraw the offer of a place once the child has started at the school, except where that place was fraudulently obtained. In deciding whether or not to withdraw the offer of a place, account will be taken of the length of time the child has been at the school. Where the child has been at the school for less than a term, the Governing Body may consider it to be appropriate to withdraw the place.



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Where the Governing Body decide not to withdraw the place and allows the child to continue attending the school, their siblings will not be considered for admission under the siblings criterion.

6. Appeals

Arrangements for appeals will be independent of the school in accordance with the Admissions Appeals Code of Practice. Full details will be provided for unsuccessful applicants.

7. Admissions to Sixth Form

Applicants who meet the academic entry criteria for Sixth Form will be prioritised as follows:

- (a) Looked after children and previously looked after children. (See note 1)
- (b) Current students at Slough and Eton
- (c) Siblings of students at Slough and Eton
- (d) All other applicants

Note 1

A “looked-after child” is one who is in the care of a local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of its social services function. Adoption orders come under the terms of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, Section 46. A ‘residence order’ is one settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live (Children Act 1989, Section 8). A ‘special guardianship order’ is one appointing one or more individuals to be a child’s special guardian/s (Children Act 1989, Section 14A). Applications under this criterion must be accompanied by evidence to show that the child is looked after or was previously looked after (e.g. a copy of the adoption, residence or special guardianship order).

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If there are not sufficient places for all the children in one of the criteria above, priority will be given to children who fulfil more than one of the criteria. The greater the number of criteria fulfilled the higher the priority. After this the final decision will be made according to the straight line distance between the home and the school.

Multiple Births

In the event that it is possible to offer a place to one child and not the other we will work with the parent/carer to find the best solution. In most cases the place would be allocated using random allocation.

Parent

A parent is any person who has parental responsibility for or is the legal guardian of the child

Home Address

The address given on the form must be the parent’s permanent address on the closing date.