

## **COOMBE BOYS' SCHOOL**

### **ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2011**

Coombe Boys' School is a Foundation School for boys aged 11-18, with girls admitted to the Sixth Form. Admissions to the school are the responsibility of the Governing Body. In January 2006 the school federated with Coombe Girls' School under one Governing Body. The Governors intend to admit 180 boys each year into Year 7.

The following over-subscription criteria for September 2011 are proposed:

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

1. places will be offered firstly to Looked After Children i.e. children who are looked after by a public authority and are in public care. Applications made under this criterion must be accompanied by details of circumstance and professionally supported evidence (e.g. from a social worker);
2. places will be offered next to children who have a brother or sister, including an adopted, half, step- or foster-brother or sister, living at the same address and attending the same school at the time of admission;
3. places will then be offered in cases of exceptional family, social or medical need (which must be described on the application form and then be verified by a qualified health professional or social worker- for example a hospital consultant or senior Social worker) which makes the school concerned the most suitable one for the individual child;
4. the remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the school, as measured using the shortest approved walking route. All distance will be measured from the child's home to the school entrance in College Gardens. All distances will be measured using the Council's computerised Geographical Information System.

For applicants who live the same distance from the school, random selection by the drawing of lots is used as a final tie-breaker.

#### **Admission of twins, triplets, other multiple births and siblings born in the same academic year.**

Where a parent applies for entry into the same year group for more than one child and it is not possible to offer places to all the siblings (adopted, half, step- or foster- brother or sister, living at the same address) the children's names will be added to waiting list

in accordance with the published admissions criteria, in the same way as for other children.

Where there is one school place available and more than one child who is eligible for the place under the published admissions criteria, the parent will be asked whether or not she/he wishes to accept the available place.

## **LATE APPLICATIONS**

Under the agreed terms of the co-ordinated secondary scheme, late applications for entry into Year 7 will not be considered until after all applications received by the closing date, unless proof is provided that there were exceptional reasons that prevented an application to be submitted on time.

## **WAITING LIST**

For entry into Year 7 in September 2011, following co-ordination, the waiting list will automatically consist of the names of all unsuccessful applicants who have not had a higher preference offer and will be held in criteria order.

Parents can request to add names of children who have had a higher preference offer, or who did not originally name the school as a preference, to be added to the waiting list. These names will be added in criteria order and the waiting list will be held indefinitely. Parents will be asked at the end of the academic year if they wish their child to remain on the list.

## **IN YEAR APPLICATIONS**

From 1 September 2010, all applications for admission to all year groups 7 to 11, must be made to your home Local Authority (LA) on their In-Year application form and if you wish to apply for a place at this school, you must name the school as one of your preferences on your home LA In-Year application form and submit this to your Home LA.

For entry into Years 7 to 11, the position of any applicant on any waiting list will be determined using the oversubscription criteria as outlined in paragraphs i) to iv) above.

## **APPEALS**

The parents of any child who is unsuccessful in gaining a place at the school will be offered the right of appeal and notified of the appeals process.

The position of any applicant on any waiting list maintained by the Governors will be determined using the oversubscription criteria as outlined.