

### **Oversubscription Criteria**

If the total number of preferences for admission to a SUAT Academy exceeds the Academy's Published Admission Number (PAN), the following order of priority is used by the Local Governing Body to allocate the available places.

1) Children in Care and children who ceased to be in care because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order). This applies to both children in these categories in England and also to children in these categories previously from outside of England.

2) Children who satisfy both of the following tests:

Test 1: the child is distinguished from the great majority of other applicants either on their own medical grounds or by other exceptional circumstances.

Medical grounds must be supported by a medical report (obtained by the applicant and provided at the point of application). This report must clearly justify, for health reasons only, why it is better for the child's health to attend the preferred SUAT academy rather than any other SUAT academy.

Exceptional circumstances must relate to the choice of SUAT academy and the individual child, i.e. the circumstances of the child, not the economic or social circumstances of the parent/carer. They should be supported by a professional report (obtained by the applicant and provided at the point of application), e.g. social worker. This report must clearly justify why it is better for the child to attend the preferred SUAT Academy rather than any other SUAT Academy.

and

Test 2: the child would suffer hardship if they were unable to attend the preferred school.

Hardship means severe suffering of any kind, not merely difficulty or inconvenience, which is likely to be experienced as a result of the child attending a different school. Applicants must provide detailed information about both the type and severity of any likely hardship at the time of application.

3) Children who have an elder sibling in attendance at the preferred SUAT Academy and who will still be attending the SUAT Academy at the proposed admission date; (For admission purposes, a brother or sister is a child who lives at the same address and either: have one or both natural parents in common; are related by a parent's marriage; are adopted or fostered by a common parent or are unrelated children who live at the same address, whose parents live as partners.)

4) Children living within the catchment area of the preferred SUAT Academy.

5) Other children arranged in order of priority according to how near their home addresses are to the main gate of the Academy, determined by a straight-line measurement as calculated by Google maps or the Local Authority's Geographical Information System (please see additional notes for further details).

Where it is not possible to accommodate all children applying for places within a particular category then the Local Governing Body of that SUAT Academy will allocate the available places in accordance with the remaining criteria. If for instance, all the catchment area children cannot

be accommodated at a school, children who are resident within the catchment area will be arranged in order of priority according to the remaining criteria.