

Lyndon School, Summit Learning Trust

Daylesford Road, Solihull, B92 8EJ

Admission arrangements 2025-2026

Applications for school admission will be managed by Solihull Council in accordance with the Local Authority's coordinated scheme for admission.

The school's admission number is 240. Where the number of applications is lower than the school's admission number, all applicants will be admitted. If there are more applications than places available then all applications will be given a priority from the oversubscription criteria and places will be order in priority order.

Oversubscription criteria

Priority 1

Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted

Priority 2

Children whose exceptional social or medical reasons can only be met at this school

Priority 3

Children who normally live in the school's catchment area

Priority 4

Children who have an older brother or sister at the school at the same time

Priority 5

Children of staff at the school (see note 4)

Priority 6

Children living closest to the school, measured in a straight line from the child's home

Notes:

1. Children with an education, health and care plan that names Lyndon School will be offered a place first. This will reduce the number of places available.
2. Applications with exceptional social or medical reasons must be supported by independent professional evidence. The Council's Cabinet Member Advisory Group for Admissions will consider applications and evidence and make recommendations to Cabinet Member, who will grant priority 1b to applications with exceptional social or medical reasons.
3. The catchment area can be seen on the Council's website: www.solihull.gov.uk/onlinemaps.
4. Under priority group 4 a member "of staff" can be either:

- (a) a member of staff who has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, or
- (b) a member of staff who is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
5. If a priority group has more applicants than places available priority will first be given to those with an older brother or sister at the school and then to those living nearest the school (measured in a straight line from home to school).
 6. The home address is the place where the child is permanently resident with his or her parents. If care is shared between two parents, you will need to provide a copy of the court order defining the arrangement to the council. In the absence of a court order, the council will use the address of the parent who is in receipt of the child benefit. You will need to send a copy of your child benefit award for the last two years.
 7. The places that are offered are provisional offers and are dependent upon the circumstances of the application remaining unchanged at the date of admission to the school. It is important that parents provide the school or Solihull Council with any information relating to changes in circumstances, such as a change of address, as soon as they occur. Offers based on fraudulent, incorrect or misleading information will be withdrawn if the child is no longer entitled to the place because there are children on the waiting list with a higher priority. In these circumstances the place will be withdrawn after the child has started the school, in line with the Admissions Code.
 8. Under priority 3 a brother or sister must live at the same address and could be:
 - A brother or sister sharing the same parents;
 - a half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one parent; a stepbrother or stepsister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage or civil partnership (a formal arrangement that gives same-sex couples the same legal status as married couples);
 - the separate children of a couple who live together; or
 - an adopted or fostered brother or sister.
 9. In any priority, if two or more applicants have the same distance but only one place can be offered, a computerised random allocation system will be used to decide which applicant has the highest priority. The applicant with the lowest random number will have the highest priority.
 10. Distances are measured by the Local Authority's computerised admissions system. The admissions system uses six-figure grid references provided by the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG). The grid references provide a unique point on each property.
 11. Waiting lists are produced in strict order of priority, against the over-subscription criteria and are managed by Solihull Council. Parents must phone the council every half term to keep their child's name on the list.

12. Applications received after the closing date are late and will not be processed until after the published offer day. Late applications will be considered when places are allocated from the waiting list.
13. If possible places will be offered at the same school to twins, triplets and children from other multiples births. If only one place can be offered the parent will choose which child should have the place.
14. Applications for a school place at any time other than the normal time for admission (in-year admission) should be made to Solihull Council. If there is a vacancy in the relevant year group a place will be offered. If the year group is full the application will be given a priority and put on the waiting list.
15. The Directors recognise their duty to comply with the Local Authority Fair Access Protocol to provide fair access to school for pupils who need a school place because they have missed, or are at risk of missing, education.
16. Parents who wish to appeal against the decision of the Directors to refuse their child a place in the school can request an appeal form from Solihull Council. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.
17. Requests to be taught outside normal age group, applicants have the right to request permission for admission to a year group outside of their normal chronological age group. The request must be considered by the admissions authority to decide whether it agrees to the application being submitted outside of the normal age group.
If the request is agreed, it does not constitute an offer of a place, the application must still be made in the normal way. The admissions authority must make the decision on the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child, taking account the parent views, the views of the Headteacher and any academic, or medical information provided. They should also take account of whether the child would have fallen into a lower age group had they not been born prematurely.
The admissions authority will notify the applicant of the outcome to their request in writing. If the request is agreed, the applicant should notify the Solihull Admissions Team by providing a copy of the letter with their application. Parents have a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. This right does not apply if they are offered a place at the school, but it is not in their preferred age group.