Upland Primary School

The Unity Trust Academy

Admissions Policy

2018-2019

Vision:

At Upland Primary our vision is to develop children's active and creative minds, through fun, inspiring opportunities to learn. We will develop confident lifelong learners with skills to tackle the present and the future.

"Working together, learning together, achieving together "

Admissions

All applications shall be received and offers made individually by the Local Authority in common with other Bexley Primary Schools.

The standard number for admissions to Upland Primary School is 60. The published admission number is inclusive of pupils with a statement of special educational needs in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements.

All applications shall be made on line at www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions or www.eadmissions.org.uk. If this is not possible a paper application form can be collected from the Civic Offices.

Admission Criteria

Where applications are oversubscribed places will be offered in line with the admission criteria below:

I. Looked after children (children in public care) (see note 1)
II. Siblings- children who have a brother or sister attending Upland Primary School at the beginning of their first term. (see note 2)
III. Children of staff of the school – priority may be given to children of the staff in either of the following circumstance :
(a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
(b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

IV. Proximity to the school, as measured in a straight line in accordance with the London Borough of Bexley's policy on the measurement of home to school distance. (see note 3)

Note 1: A looked after child is a child who is in the care of a local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. They are also 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).

Note 2: Siblings refer to a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address. The elder sibling must still be on roll at the school when the younger child starts school.

Note 3: "home" being where the child normally resides as their only principle residence. Addresses involved in child minding (professional or relatives) are excluded. Parents will be asked to provide documentary evidence to confirm an address and parental responsibility. It is expected that the applicant and pupil will still be resident at the same address when the child starts school unless exceptional circumstances apply. Measurements will be from the front door of the child's home address to the main entrance of the building. Those who live closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Offers of places will be made by the Local Authority in April for the whole of the academic year. Children who are not offered a place immediately will have the option of remaining on a waiting list. Children on the waiting list will be offered places in order according to the criteria listed above. Children will be removed from the waiting list once the normal admission point for their date of birth has passed, unless the parent requests in writing the reasons that they should continue to remain on it.

The Unity Academy Trust – Upland Primary School, in common with all other schools in Bexley, will admit pupils referred under the Fair Access Protocol. The other criteria detailed in this document do not apply to pupils referred under the Fair Access Protocol.

Parents not offered places will also be informed of the appeals procedure. Parents have a statutory right to appeal in the event of the school's decision not to offer a place. An appeal panel will primarily consider whether or not the published admissions criteria has been properly followed.