

Southampton City Council

Admission Policy for Bitterne Park School 2020/21

Southampton City Council is the admission authority for Bitterne Park School. As required in the School Admissions Code, the authority will consider all preferences at the same time for September 2020 admissions.

Parents may express up to three (3) preferences, listing them in the order in which they would accept them. All preferences will be considered and where more than one school could be offered, the parents will be offered a place for their child at the higher ranked of the schools that could be offered.

Children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) that name a school

Children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) that name a school must be admitted to that school under the Education Act 1996 and with regard to the SEND Code of Practice. These children will be admitted to the named school, even if it is full, and are therefore outside the normal admission arrangements. As required by the Code these children will count as part of the Published Admission Number (PAN) for the school.

Oversubscription criteria

Applications submitted by 31 October 2019 will be dealt with first. If the number of applications submitted by 31 October 2019 for a school is greater than the PAN for the school, admissions will be decided according to the following priorities:

1. Children in public care (looked after children) and previously looked after children as defined in paragraph 1.7 of the School Admissions Code 2014.
2. Children subject to a child protection plan or deemed to be vulnerable by the Senior Officer with responsibility for safeguarding in Southampton City Council.
3. Children who have a brother or sister already on the roll of the school who will continue to attend that school during the following year.
4. Children, up to a maximum of 36, who score highest in the aptitude test set by Southampton City Council to measure their aptitude for the performing arts. In the event of a tie in the aptitude scoring the child/children closest to the school will be given priority.
5. Children whose parents have satisfied the Local Authority that their child has a significant medical or psychological condition which means they must attend the preferred school rather than any other. Applications must be supported by appropriate written evidence from a doctor or psychologist.
6. Children who live within the school's designated catchment area.
7. Children attending a feeder junior or primary school.

8. Children who live closest to the school.

Should the school be oversubscribed from within any of the criteria, then distance, as defined below, will be used to prioritise applications within these categories. Should there be two or more identical distances requiring prioritisation, this will be done by casting lots. Lots will be drawn by the Education Lead, Southampton City Council.

Definitions

Sibling: This includes children living as siblings in the same family unit. A sibling is defined as a brother or sister including half, step, or foster or adoptive brother or sister, living within the same family unit at the same address.

Catchment Area: A “designated catchment area” for a school is the area set out in the definitive catchment area map for each school. This map is held by Southampton City Council, Civic Centre, Southampton SO14 7LY. A schedule of addresses, to be read in conjunction with the map, is also kept by the Council. Parents wishing to know if their address is in a particular catchment area can contact the Admissions Team, or log on to the council website www.southampton.gov.uk, click on “my Southampton”, follow the links, and enter their postcode.

Feeder Junior or Primary School: priority will be given to children attending a feeder junior or primary school at the closing date of applications. They are as follows:

- **Bitterne Park School** - Townhill Junior, Bitterne Park Primary, Bitterne Manor Primary, Beechwood Junior, St Denys Primary, Moorlands Primary

Distance: Distances are measured based on the shortest walking distance using public roads and footpaths. Distances are measured from home to school for all children. These are calculated using a computerised mapping system that uses data supplied by Ordnance Survey. Distances are measured from the point designated in the system as the home address to the point designated in the system as the mid-point of the nearest open pedestrian gate to the school, using public roads and footpaths.

Late applications

The closing date for applications is 31 October 2019. Applications received after that date will be late applications and will be dealt with after all on-time applicants have been offered a school place. If a school has places available after admitting all on-time applications, late applications will be considered in accordance with the priorities set out above.

Unplaced children

Any child who remains unplaced after their application has been processed, because either they could not be offered a place at any school requested or their parents did not make an application, will be offered a place at their catchment school if there is

one and if places are still available. If there are no places available at their catchment school, they will be allocated a place at the nearest school with places available to their home address that is prepared to offer a place. Distance to their home address will be measured by public roads and footpaths.

Waiting lists

If a place cannot be offered at a higher ranked community school, unsuccessful applicants for the school will automatically be placed on the waiting list for the school. If places become available, children on the waiting list will automatically be offered them according to the priorities set out above and any previous offer of a school place will be withdrawn.

The length of time on the waiting list cannot be taken into account. Unsuccessful late applications will be treated in the same way as unsuccessful on-time applications and placed on the waiting list according to the priorities set out above. This means that waiting lists will be re-ranked after every new expression of preference.

Waiting lists will be maintained by the Admissions Manager at Southampton City Council for all community schools. Waiting lists will be held until the end of the summer term.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted or talented or has experienced problems such as ill health, or they are summer born and were admitted to Year R or Year 3 outside the normal age group. All requests will be considered on their merits by Southampton City Council taking account of the parent's view and the views of the headteacher.

Parents of summer-born children for whom education outside normal age group was previously agreed will be required to make a new request for entry into secondary school. This should be done as if the child is placed in their correct year group. For example, a child who has been held back a year (decelerated) should be making a new request when the child is in Year 5.

Before making such a request, parents are strongly advised to read the 'Guidance on the education of children outside normal age group' document available on the Southampton City Council website, which explains the procedures that need to be followed.

For all requests it is vital to understand that at each transition (starting reception, moving from infant to junior, primary to secondary, secondary to college) the decision whether to maintain the placement in a younger or older year group must be made by the admission authority for the school. As such, there is **no guarantee that it will continue throughout the child's education** and a new parental request **must** be made before each transition. As a general rule, requests should only be made once per phase transfer, unless there has been a significant change in circumstances.

One admission authority cannot be required to honour a decision made by another admission authority on education out of normal age group.

In Year Admissions

Admissions mid-year for any year group will be dealt with in accordance with this policy. Please contact the current school for an admission application form.

Published Admission Number*

School	PAN
Bitterne Park School	360

*At the time of publication, Bitterne Park School was using the SCC Admissions Policy and appropriate PAN. Please note that this is subject to change. The Council website has the most up to date information on school status (academisation etc.) and amendments to PANs that may have taken place in accordance with admissions legislation or school organisation decisions since publication.

Bitterne Park School (Sixth Form Places)

Bitterne Park Sixth Form application deadline is 10th July 2020. Applications received after this date will be processed as 'late applications' (see below).

The Sixth Form has a maximum pupil number of 90 in Year 12 (180 Total in Years 12 and 13).

The majority of these places will be filled by existing Bitterne Park School students however, external applicants are welcome to apply to fill up to the remainder of 90 places. If the sixth form is oversubscribed they will be considered in line with the SCC admissions policy that is detailed below.

The application form is made up of two parts:

Part 1 – Place application, this is to obtain a place within the sixth form at Bitterne Park School. Currently the procedure is run by Southampton City Council Admissions team (address below)

Part 2 – Course application, this is to secure a place on the requested courses, please note that some course may not run if sufficient applicants are not received. These are to be returned to the school office.

To apply complete both parts of the application, which are available to download from www.bitterneparkschool.org.uk or within the pack obtained from the school office.

Return part 1 as soon as possible to the Admission Team at Southampton City Council (address below) and by at the latest 10th July 2020.

Part 1: Place Application
Admission Team
North Block
Civic Centre
Southampton SO14 7LY

If you submit the place application form to the school, this will be forwarded to the Admissions Team.

Return Part 2, the course selection form to be returned to the school (address below)

Part 2: Course Application
Sixth Form recruitment
Bitterne Park Sixth Form College
Dimond Road
Southampton
SO18 1BU

When completing part 2 of the application please ensure on your course choice that you indicate if it is level 2 or level 3 that you are applying for. If you are unsure whether you are a Level 2 or 3 students you are welcome to apply for both programmes, and then discuss this at the application guidance meeting.

Once your application has been received a letter will be sent confirming receipt and you will be invited in to the Sixth Form for an Application Guidance Meeting, which will review your course options and provide you with support and assistance with your application. This is not mandatory and will not form part of the Admissions process it is purely there to support and inform your decisions. You will not be required to bring anything to this meeting.

There will be a post-17 induction programme for students who have a place in the Sixth Form in which you will have an opportunity to attend taster lessons in your chosen subjects as well as take part in team building and leadership activities. It is expected that all students who are transferring to Bitterne Park Sixth Form will attend.

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All places offered by Southampton City Council are conditional upon the applicant meeting the Academic Entry Requirements set out below.

Places will be offered on the following basis:

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Oversubscription criteria

Applications submitted by 10th July 2020 will be dealt with first. If the number of applications submitted by 10th June 2020 for the sixth form exceed the Admission Number of 90, admissions will be decided according to the following priorities:

1. Children in public care (looked after children) and previously looked after children as defined in paragraph 1.7 of the School Admissions Code.

2. Children who live within the school's designated catchment area.

A “designated catchment area” for a school is the area set out in the definitive catchment area map for each school. This map is held by Southampton City Council, Civic Centre, Southampton SO14 7LY. A schedule of addresses, to be read in conjunction with the map, is also kept by the Council.

Parents wishing to know if their address is in a particular catchment area can contact the Admissions Team, or log on to the council website www.southampton.gov.uk, click on “my Southampton”, follow the links, and enter their post code.

If the school is oversubscribed from within the designated catchment area, the procedure set out at 3, below, will be used to determine which children will be offered places.

3. Children who live closest to the school based on the shortest walking distance using public roads and footpaths. These are calculated using a computerised mapping system that uses data supplied by Ordnance Survey. Distances are measured from the point designated in the system as the home address to the point designated in the system as the mid-point of the nearest open pedestrian gate to the school, using public roads and footpaths.

Should there be two identical distances requiring prioritisation, this will be done by casting lots. Lots will be drawn by the Principal Officer Education and Early Years, Children and Families Services, Southampton City Council.

Late applications

If a school has places available after admitting all on-time applications, late applications will be considered in accordance with the priorities set out above.

Waiting lists

Unsuccessful applicants for the school will automatically be placed on the waiting list for the school. If places become available, children on the waiting list will automatically be offered them according to the priorities set out above.

The length of time on the waiting list cannot be taken into account. Unsuccessful late applications will be treated in the same way as unsuccessful on-time applications and placed on the waiting list according to the priorities set out above. This means that the waiting list will be re-ranked after every new expression of preference.

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Sixth Form Courses and Entry Requirements

Level 3 Courses:

This is a two year programme of study that is at a higher level than the work undertaken in Year 11.

Level 3 courses prepare students for entry to university. Bitterne Park Sixth Form offers a wide range of both academic A Levels and the full range of applied BTEC courses.

Each AS/A2 Level and BTEC has 5 hours of taught study each week. For success a similar amount of private study is expected out of hours.

The desired entry requirement for a Level 3 programme of study is 5A* to C grades at GCSE or equivalent in 4 or more subjects including English and Maths.

Some Level 3 subjects have specific entry requirements (such as a B grade at the Higher Tier of entry).

These are outlined in the subject information and must be met. It is at the discretion of the School whether a student who has a D grade in either English or Mathematics at GCSE (not both) is able to progress to Level 3

Level 2 Courses:

This is a one year programme of study for students who wish to progress to the Level 3 programme of study at the Bitterne Park School Sixth Form and have not yet quite gained the 5A* - C grades at GCSE or equivalent needed for this.

This programme of study enables students to retake English and Mathematics and take a number of new and exciting subjects.

The desired entry requirements for Level 2 Courses in Year 12 is 5 D grades at GCSE or equivalent in 4 or more subjects.

A minimum of an E grade in English and/or Mathematics is also desired.

Foundation Learning:

This is a one year programme of study for students who wish to progress to the Level 2 programme of study at the Bitterne Park School Sixth Form, or seek

employment, and have not yet quite gained the desired entry requirements for level 2 courses.

Results day

Once you receive your GCSE results we can confirm your course and subject choices and finalise your enrolment to The Sixth Form. Support for students who have not made entry requirements will be available on the results publication day in August. All Bitterne Park Year 11 students are expected to be present that day, where possible.

We will do all we can to support you if you wish to change your options but after the timetable is written this will only be possible if a class is not full and the subjects you wish to study are not timetabled at the same time.

You will then receive a letter confirming your place in the Sixth Form, which is conditional on the entry requirements.