



THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

Admissions Policy Updates for 2022/23 and 2023/24

Supplementary information regarding Tenancy, Permanent Residence and Applications on Medical Grounds:

Children or families with an exceptional medical and / or social need

Following new guidance from the national Admissions Adjudicator, for 2022-23 and 2023-24, applications citing medical grounds will be considered using the following:

Children or families with an exceptional medical and/or social need. Each application must include supporting evidence from an independent professional such as a doctor and/or consultant for medical needs or a social worker, health visitor, housing officer, the police or probation officer for social needs. This evidence must confirm the child or family's medical or social need and why that need(s) makes it essential that the child attends The Mountbatten School rather than any other (see definition below). Applicants will only be considered under this criterion if on the application form (online or paper) they have ticked the appropriate box explicitly indicating that they wish for their application to be considered under medical / social need and supporting evidence is submitted with the application.

Definition: 'Medical need' does not include common medical conditions supported in mainstream schools, such as asthma or allergies. 'Social need' does not include a parent's wish that a child attends the school because of a child's aptitude or ability or because their friends attend the school or because of routine childminding arrangements. Priority will be given to those children whose evidence establishes that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to children whose evidence establishes that a family member's physical or mental health or social needs mean that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Evidence must confirm the circumstances of the case and must set out why the child should attend a particular school and why no other school could meet the child's needs. Providing evidence does not guarantee that a child will be given priority at a particular school and in each case a decision will be made based on the merits of the

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case and whether the evidence demonstrates that a placement should be made at one school above any other.

Permanent residence

Following new guidance from the national Admissions Adjudicator, for 2022-23 and 2023-24, the definition of a child's permanent residence will now be as follows:

The child's permanent residence is where they live, normally including weekends and during school holidays as well as during the week and should be used for the application. The permanent residence of children who spend part of their week with one parent and part with the other, at different addresses, will be the address at which they spend most of their time. Where a child's time is evenly divided between the parents, parents must agree which address they would like to be considered for the purposes of the application. In the event of a dispute, in the absence of a relevant court order, the admission authority will make a judgement about which address applies, taking into-account the address registered with the child's current school, nursery, preschool or childminder, the address registered for child benefit and the address registered with the child's GP.

Tenancy

Previous arrangements have required a signed tenancy agreement usually for 12 months. Following new guidance from the national Admissions Adjudicator, for 2022-23 and 2023-24, the wording regarding tenancy will now change to:

A signed tenancy agreement.