

ADMISSIONS POLICY

This policy has been drawn up in line with the School Admissions Code of 2013.

Pupils will be admitted at the age of 11 without reference to ability or aptitude. The number of intended admissions for the year commencing 1 September 2021 will be 299, which is currently under review as the indicated admissions number.

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit.

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Looked After Children as defined by Section 22 of the Children Act 1989. Priority is given to Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children in accordance with the Education (Admissions of Looked After Children, Wales) Regulations 2009 and the School Admissions Code of 2013.
2. Pupils who are on the register in one of the designated feeder primary schools (Albert, Evenlode, Sully and Victoria). In the event of oversubscription by applicants from the designated feeder primary schools alone, criteria (4), (5) and (6) would be applied to produce an order of preference.
3. Pupils who are not on the register of one of the designated feeder primary schools but whose parents have satisfied the school by the published closing date for receipt of applications that the pupil will be taking up residence within the catchment area of the designated feeder primary schools. Children of UK service personnel posted to the area must provide proof of the posting with their application form. In the event of oversubscription by applicants from categories 1, 2 and 3, criteria (4), (5) and (6) would be applied to produce an order of preference.
4. Pupils who have older brothers and/or sisters on roll Years 7-11. (Will be in Year 8 – Year 11 when the applicant starts secondary school.) The term ‘brothers and sisters’ is defined for this purpose as a) fraternal relations who have the same mother and/or father b) adoptive brothers and/or sisters c) stepsisters and/or brothers who live at the same address. Due to large cohort numbers, multiple birth children will always be allocated or refused a place together so that the situation will never arise that one child would be admitted and their sibling(s) not admitted. In the event of oversubscription by applicants from categories 1, 2, 3 and 4 criteria, (5) and (6) would be applied to produce an order of preference.
5. Pupils of whom the Governors judge there are compelling medical or social grounds for their admission. (Positive recommendation from the Health Authority or the Director of Social Services will be required in such cases). In the event of oversubscription by applicants from categories 1, 2, 3,4 and 5 criteria (6) would be applied to produce an order of preference.

6. In determining applications for admission in respect of other pupils the Governors give particular regard to the degree of proximity of the pupil's home to the school. This will be measured by quickest driving route from the school's main entrance to the pupil's home.

The school has established arrangements for appeals against non-admission in line with the School Admission Appeals Code of July 2013. In the case of an admission being refused, parents have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel. Anyone wishing to make such an appeal will be advised in writing at the time their application is refused of the procedures to make such an appeal. If an appeal is unsuccessful, parents must wait until the following academic year before re-applying.

For Year 6 – 7 transition, Stanwell operates the same admissions timetable as the Vale of Glamorgan L.A. Pupils in the designated feeder schools will be given an application pack explaining the online admissions procedure automatically through their primary schools. Parents of pupils from other primary schools can request an application pack by writing to or telephoning Miss S Owen, Admissions tutor, at Stanwell School. Similarly, parents of pupils who wish to make an application outside the normal admission round should also contact Miss S Owen.

Waiting lists

Following the allocation of places during the normal admissions round, pupils will remain on the waiting list until the 30th September in the school year in which they apply. If places become available, the oversubscription criteria will be used to determine the allocation of places.