



Red Hill Primary School

The Pioneer Academy



Admissions Policy – Intake 2020 - 21

Principle Academy Vision

The Pioneer Academy Promotes and achieves excellence. It Recognises the importance of outstanding teaching and learning by Actively encouraging creativity and innovation, whilst having Consistent standards of behaviour and attendance. Treating everyone as Equal, whilst celebrating diversity, is a non-negotiable; protecting all through Safeguarding, health and safety and welfare is paramount.

School Vision

Everyone at Red Hill Primary School is committed to providing the building blocks for every child to flourish in a safe and nurturing environment. We offer a creative curriculum, enriched with opportunities to enable our pupils to understand the world around them and be responsible citizens. Through developing their resilience, independence and confidence, our pupils see learning as a way to realise their full potential.

Admissions

All applications shall be received and offers made individually by the LA in common with other Bromley Primary Schools.

The Standard Number for admissions to The Pioneer Academy – Red Hill Primary School is 90. The published admission number is inclusive of students with a statement of special educational needs in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements.

In line with new legislation, all children will be permitted to start in Reception in the September following their 4th birthday.

All applications shall be made by applying to your home local authority (the borough within which you live) via their website. (Bromley – www.bromley.gov.uk, Greenwich – www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk, Lewisham – www.lewisham.gov.uk, Bexley – www.bexley.gov.uk)

Admission Criteria

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

- (i) Looked After Children (Children in Public Care) (see note 1)
- (ii) Siblings – children who have a brother or sister attending at the beginning of their first term (see note 2)
- (iii) Children of staff of the academy – priority may be given to children of the staff in either or both of the following circumstances:
 - (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, as measured in a straight line from the front door of the home to the front door of the school (see note 3 and 4)



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Note 1: A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. These children must still be "looked after" when the child starts school unless (b) applies.
b) or a child who was previously looked after and immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order.

Note 2: Sibling refers to 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 or principal 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.

Note 4: Distance will be measured (in a straight line) from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school building, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

The school is also linked to Mead Road Infant School to provide 20 additional places for children transferring from year 2 to year 3 in September 2020.

Parents of children at Mead Road will only be required to complete a transfer form for our school. If the school is over-subscribed, the above admissions criteria will also apply.

If your child has a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education Health and Care Plan, you can apply under a separate process. Please seek further advice from the Special Educational Needs Group on 020 8313 4164.

Offers of places will be made by the LA 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 birth date has passed, unless the parent requests in writing that they should continue to remain on it.

The Pioneer Academy – Red Hill Primary School, in common with all other schools in Bromley, will admit pupils referred under the Fair Access Protocol. Subject to specific provisions in the protocol, a "Hard to Place" pupil will be given priority for admission over any others who are seeking or applying for a school place and the school can admit over their published admission number. The other criteria detailed in this document do not apply to pupils referred under the Fair Access Protocol.

Children will be admitted on the first day of each new term or half term.

Parents of children not offered places will also be informed of the appeals procedure. Parents have a statutory right to appeal in the event of Bromley admissions decision not to offer a place. Although Bromley is the admissions authority, an independent panel considers appeals and their decision is binding on both parties.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Admission of children outside their normal age group - Parents of Summer born children or those who have experienced problems or missed part of a year, for example due to ill health, can seek places outside their normal age group. This is not an automatic right to choose this option as decisions will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. The views of the Head Teacher of the school concerned must also be taken into account. The process for this request is outlined in "London Borough of Bromley Admission of Summer born children outside of their normal age group".