

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admissions number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below:

- a. A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement, or special guardianship order including those who appear [to the admission authority] to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services function (see the definition in Section 22 (1) of the Children Act, 1989)
- b. Priority will next be given to the children of staff in the following circumstances:
 - i. where the member of staff has been employed at a school in the Osborne Trust for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made; and/or
 - ii. the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant classroom-based post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage
- c. Priority will next be given to children whose siblings* currently attend the school and will continue to do so on the date of admission.
- d. Admission of pupils who attend any named feeder infant school (schools to insert list of feeder schools here).
- e. Other children by distance from the school. Distances are calculated by the Local Authority as described in the Primary/Secondary Education in Essex/Thurrock booklet 2025-26 (edit to refer to appropriate LA)

*For the purpose of allocating places, sibling means:

- Full sibling living at the same address as the applicant
- Step sibling living at the same address as the applicant
- Half sibling living at the same address as the applicant
- Long term foster sibling living at the same address as the applicant