

## **ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE STROOD ACADEMY SEPTEMBER 2010**

### **ADMISSION PROCEDURE**

- (i) Parents can apply for the Academy using the common application form or using the on-line facility by 18 November 2009.
- (ii) Places will be offered according to the co-ordinated admission scheme.
- (iii) Parents can ask for their child's name to go on the Academy waiting list. Waiting lists will be maintained for at least one term and children will be ranked in waiting lists according to the oversubscription criteria.

### **OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA**

#### ***For entry at year 7***

Places are first offered to those children with a statement of special educational needs, where the Academy is named. Then, if the number of preferences exceeds the number of places, the following priority order will apply:

- Children in public care
- Current family association (i.e. elder brother or sister in the Academy at time of application who will still be attending in September 2010. In this context, brother or sister means:
  - A natural brother or sister (including adopted siblings)
  - Step brother or sister
  - Foster brother or sister
  - Those who live as brother or sister in the same house
- Child's health reasons. Medical evidence must be provided which demonstrates a specific health reason which requires the child to attend the Strood Academy
- Nearness of children's homes (see detailed definition below).

#### ***Nearness of children's homes***

Distance will be measured by the shortest available safe walking route between home and school as measured by the council's geographical information system. Those living closer to the school will receive the higher priority. Medway Council's Geographical Information System measures the start point, end point and distance of each route in the following way.

#### **The start point**

The centre point of the road closest to the centre point of the pupil's home address. The centre point of the pupil's address is a grid reference taken from Ordnance Survey Mapping.

### The end point

The centre point of the road closest to the Academy entrance in Carnation Road represented by a grid reference for the Academy defined within the geographical information system. The same end point is used for everybody.

### The distance

The shortest available route between the start point and the end point using the centre point of streets and any other available safe walking routes.

In a situation where there is no available safe walking route between a child's home and the Academy, an appropriate route on the road network will be used, purely to prioritise admission. In these circumstances there would be no expectation that the walk should be the one taken, or that it is a 'safe walking route'.

It is important to note that any roads that have been built recently (particularly in new developments) may not be included on the network. If this is the case, the measurement will start from the nearest available road on the network from the property.

### ***For entry at year 12***

If there are insufficient places available in Year 12 for external candidates, places will be offered, in priority order, as follows:

- (i) Students in public care
- (ii) Current family association (as defined above)
- (iii) Students attending Year 11 in one of the other schools in the North Medway consortium
- (iv) Nearness of students homes (as defined above)

### **PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBERS**

Year 7 entry: 240

Post 16 additional places: 50