

Alderman Blaxill School

Federated with Stanway and Thomas Lord Audley Schools

ALDERMAN BLAXILL SCHOOL

Admission Policy for 2011/12

This policy is formulated in line with the requirements of the Schools Standard and Framework Act 1998 and follows the guidelines set out in the School Admissions Code.

Admissions to Year 7

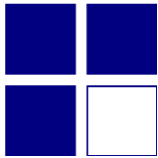
Students will be admitted at the age of 11. The Published Admission Number for the school is 130 places in each year group.

Admission will be by application through the co-ordinated Secondary Admission Scheme arranged by Essex County Council, Local Authority (LA) School Planning and Admissions Team. The school serves the local community and Colchester Garrison and offers places to all students who live within the priority admissions area, up to the Published Admission Number.

A map outlining the school's priority admissions area is available from the School Office.

Applications for admission are judged against the following criteria and in the order set out below. If it is necessary to make a judgement between applicants within the same criteria, those closest to the school, as measured by straight-line distance, will have the highest priority.

1. Looked after children.
2. Students who already have a brother or sister* attending the school in Year 7 to Year 10 at the date of application and proposed admission.
3. Students living in the school's priority admissions area (map available on request from the School), which includes the Army married quarters in Colchester, and who attend one of the following schools:
 - a. Gosbecks Primary School
 - b. Hamilton Primary School
 - c. King's Ford Junior School
 - d. Montgomery Junior School
 - e. St Michael's Primary School
4. Students from a service family who have received notice of a posting to Colchester Garrison.



5. Students who attend any of the feeder schools identified in Criteria 4 and live outside the school's priority admissions area.
6. Any remaining places will be allocated by the proximity of the student's home to the school. Those closest to the school, as measured by straight-line distance, will have the highest priority. Distance will be measured using the Local Authority's Geographical Information System.

* A brother or sister is defined as a child who is a biological sibling, adopted sibling or stepsibling living in the same family household and who attends the School in any year group except the final year and is expected to still be on roll at the time of proposed admission.

A Waiting list will be kept by Essex County Council until the end of the first week of the Autumn Term and thereafter by the school until the end of the first Term.

Children for whom the school is named on a Statement of Special Educational Needs will be admitted to the school, including up to 4 students requiring enhanced provision for Dyslexia for whom the School is named on a Statement.

Applications for Admission to the Dyslexia Unit

Students are admitted to the school's Dyslexia Unit each year in accordance with the provision in their Statement of Special Educational Needs.

The maximum number intended for admission to the unit is 20 students in total.

The intention is to admit up to 4 students in any single year group.

Admission of Students to Years 8 to 11

Where spaces are available students may be admitted after application to the School Planning and Admissions team at the Local Authority who will contact the Admissions Officer at the school.

Where more than one application is received the criteria listed above will be applied.

Where the intended year group of the applicant has already reached the Published Admissions Number, the application will be refused. The parents/carers will be advised of their statutory right of appeal to an independent appeal panel against the decision not to admit their child.

Admission Appeals

Parents/carers should indicate their wish to appeal by writing to the Clerk to the Appeal Panel c/o Alderman Blaxill School within 21 days of receiving a letter of refusal of a place at the school. Only one appeal per academic year is allowed unless there are significant material changes of circumstance relevant to the application. Appeal forms may be obtained from the school.