

KING EDWARD VI HUMANITIES COLLEGE,

SPILSBY, LINCS

ADMISSIONS POLICY 2009 – 2010

Delegation

King Edward VI Humanities College is a community school in the local authority of Lincolnshire. As such the County Council has delegated to individual community and voluntary controlled school governing bodies the decisions about which students to admit. King Edward VI Humanities College must apply the County Council's admissions policy in every respect. In particular, if we have more applicants than the 94 places available we will apply the over subscription criteria detailed below.

In accordance with the Code of Practice for Special Educational Needs, the allocation of school places for children with a Statement of Special Education Needs will take place before schools allocate other places as part of the annual admissions process.

Over subscription criteria

Words marked with a number, for example ^{1 2 3} are explained separately at the end.

1. The school is one preferred by the parents
2. The child is in the care of the local authority.
3. There is a sibling ¹ who will still be attending the school when the child is due to start.
4. Driving distance ² from home ³ to school. The distance is measured electronically by the local authority from the post office address point of the home to the post office address point of the school.

Bi-Lateral School

In consultation, the majority of grammar schools in Lincolnshire have determined an admissions standard called the qualifying standard, which is an aggregate standardised score of 220 in one verbal reasoning test and one non-verbal reasoning test. This standard is intended to identify by ability the top 25% of all students in the age group living in all the areas of Lincolnshire which are served by grammar schools. This means that the percentage pass rate may vary from one area to another and from one year to another, depending on the abilities of the students in a local area in any one year. At King Edward VI Humanities College, as a bi-lateral school, we can accommodate 30 students scoring 220 or over in our grammar stream.

Explanations and definitions:

1. Sibling

- A full brother or full sister, whether or not living in the same household
- Another child normally living for the majority of term time in the same household, for whom an adult in the household has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act 1989.
- In the case of twins (or two siblings in the same age cohort) and where there is only one place available in the school, both will be considered together as one application. The school will be authorised to exceed its admission number by one.

2. Driving distance from home to school

The distance is measured electronically by us from the post office address point of the home to the post office address point of the school. We use our own software to do this.

3. Home address

This is the address where the child lives for the majority of the school term time with a parent who has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act 1989. This could include a person who is not a parent but who has responsibility for her or him.

It could include a child's guardians but will not usually include other relatives such as grand parents, aunts, uncles etc unless they have all the rights, duties, powers and responsibilities and authority, which by law a parent of a child has in relation to the child and their property.

Where a child lives normally during the school week with more than one parent at different addresses, the home address for the purposes of school admissions will be that of the parent who lives closest, as measured by driving distance, to the school in question.

Equally, where a family possesses more than one home, the local authority will take as the home address the address where the family and child normally live for the majority of the school term time.

We will investigate any concerns we may have about the accuracy of information provided and may withdraw the offer of a school place if there is evidence that fraudulent claims have been made.

Reserve Lists

For admission into the normal year of intake the LA will keep a waiting list, which we call a reserve list. If you are not successful in gaining a place at your first preference school your child is automatically put on the reserve list. They will keep this list in the order of the over subscription criteria. Names can move down the list if someone moves into the area and is higher placed on the over subscription criteria. They keep this list until the end of August 2009.

King Edward VI Humanities College does not keep a reserve list for mid-year admissions.