

## Year 7 - Admission policies and oversubscription criteria

For full details of Swansea Council's admission policies refer to [www.swansea.gov.uk/schooladmissionarrangements](http://www.swansea.gov.uk/schooladmissionarrangements). The oversubscription criteria for Swansea schools i.e. all schools other than voluntary aided schools are as follows:

If more applications have been received for any school than there are places available, the following order of priority will apply:

1. Children who are in the care of a local authority i.e. looked after children (LAC) or previously looked after\*.
2. Children who live within the school's defined catchment area. There is no guarantee of a catchment place. If there are more applications than places, places will be allocated in distance order with those living nearest (shortest available walking route) receiving priority\*\*.
3. Children who have a brother or sister of statutory school age attending the school at the date of their admission\*\*\*. If there are more applications than places, places will be allocated in distance order with those living nearest (shortest available walking route) receiving priority\*\*.
4. Children attending a designated partner primary school but who live outside the catchment area of that school. Attending a partner primary school does not guarantee a place in the associated secondary school. If there are more applications than places, places will be allocated in distance order with those living nearest (shortest available walking route) receiving priority\*\*.
5. Other children for whom criteria 1 to 4 above do not apply. If there are more applications than places, places will be allocated in distance order with those living nearest (shortest available walking route) receiving priority\*\*.

\* Looked After Child (LAC) / Previously Looked After Children - a looked after child refers to a child who is looked after by a local authority in

England or Wales, (as defined by Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 and Section 74 of the Social Services and Wellbeing [Wales] Act 2014) at the time the application to a school is made and who the Local Authority has confirmed will still be looked after at the time of admission to the school. Previously looked after children: looked after children who cease to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order, or special guardianship order immediately following having been looked after (as defined by the Welsh Government School Admissions Code document no. 005/2013). Evidence will need to be provided for all LAC criteria applications.

\*\*The measurement will be taken from outside the entrance to the property (house or flat) to the nearest official school entrance. The local authority GIS computer programme is used when undertaking the measurement.

\*\*\*A brother or a sister will be defined as a natural or legally adopted child of either parent living at the same address. In any circumstances in which there is one place available and the next eligible children for that place are twins/triplets, the LA will admit both/all children. Statutory school age is defined as pupils who are between age 5 and 16 (i.e. pupils in any year group between and including Reception to Year 11)