



Da Vinci Academy  
A.L.E.A.D. Academy

# **DETERMINED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2017-2018**

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Endorsed by the Chair of Governors

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Da Vinci Academy is an 11-16 mixed gender Academy with around 600 students. We opened in September 2004 and moved into new state of the art buildings in 2006. We have outstanding facilities that are very hard to match. Since 2004 our exam results have improved dramatically making us one of the most improved schools in the country.

Schools are about people and Da Vinci is the good place that it is because of what our students, staff, parents and governors bring to it. We are immensely proud of our Academy. People who visit us find a well-ordered, secure and caring environment where young people and adults alike can achieve their full potential. We believe that learning should be challenging, stimulating and above all enjoyable. We are a small Academy by design and have created a family ethos where staff know their students well. We have very high expectations of our students based on the 5 Ps – Present; Punctual; Prepared; Polite and Proud.

Our Academy is built around three related core aims: Everyone a learner; Everyone a leader; Everyone valued and our Academy motto – Aspire, Believe, Achieve. As a Co-operative Trust we believe strongly in working in partnership with the local community for the mutual benefit of all. Our Academy belongs to its members – students, parents, staff and community. The co-operative values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity & solidarity underpin our organisation.

In addition to attending our annual open evening, prospective parents are welcome to visit the Academy during the Academy day at any time by making an appointment via reception.

When the Academy is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with Statements of Special Educational Needs where the Academy is named in the Statement, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in order:

- (1) A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. 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 functions (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).
- (2) Children who are both living in the catchment area served by the Academy and have brothers or sisters of compulsory school age still attending the schools at the time of admission
- (3) Other children living in the catchment area at the time of admission
- (4) Children who do not live in the catchment area served by the Academy but who have brothers or sisters of compulsory school age attending the Academy at the time of their admission
- (5) Other children whose parents have requested a place
- (6) Children whose parents did not request a place by 31 October 2016

For the purposes of admissions, we class a brother or a sister if they have one or both natural parents in common, are related by a parent's marriage, are adopted or fostered.

Outside of the normal admission round, priority will be given within categories 2-5 to pupils who have not been on a city school roll during the academic year of application. For category 6, we will allocate places in the same order of priority as for categories 1 to 5. Where children in category 6 have the same priority, we will allocate places to those living nearest to the school, measured by a straight line. The line will be measured from the home address to the school using the National Ordnance Survey set points

Note: the 'home address' is the address of the primary carer of the child, as shown by who receives the Child Benefit.

**Admission Limit = 150**