



Admissions Criteria for Honywood School 2025 - 2026

- Academy (co-educational 11-16 year olds)
- Published number to admit September 2025 - 160
- Number on roll as of September 2024 - 830
- In September 2024 the last child was admitted under criterion - 6

Admissions Policy:

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area. In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

Admissions Criteria (Primary to Secondary school transition - From September 2025)

1. Looked After Child or Previous LAC⁽¹⁾
2. Children of teaching and non-teaching staff (employed at Honywood School) **who** have been
 - a. Employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application for the school place; and/or
 - b. Recruited to fill vacant posts for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;
3. Children with a sibling⁽²⁾ attending the school (at the time of application and admission)
4. Children currently attending the named feeder primary schools⁽³⁾
5. Other children living within Honywood's designated admissions area
6. Remaining applications

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Exceptional circumstances (determined by the school) may override the above criteria (other than Looked After Children).

In addition, we will allocate three places, in agreement with the Local Authority, to children requiring a placement in our enhanced provision, My Learning Hub (MLH). MLH supports the integration into mainstream secondary school of children who have an Education Health and Care Plan specifying that a primary learning need is overcoming Autism Spectrum Condition.

1. *A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order. This also includes those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. 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 (as defined in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).*
2. *A sibling is defined as a child living in the same family unit in the same family household and address as a child who attends the preferred school in any year group **excluding the final year**. This includes brothers, sisters, stepbrothers and stepsisters or adopted brothers or sisters. In addition, biological siblings who attend the preferred school in any year excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence.*
3. *Our feeder schools list is based on the list of schools within Honywood's designated rural area. They are as follows:*

Chappel C of E Primary School
Colne Engaine C of E Primary School
Copford C of E (VC) Primary School
Cressing Primary School
Earls Colne Primary School
Feering C of E Primary School
Fordham All Saints C of E (VC) Primary School
Great Tey C of E (VC) Primary School
Great Totham Primary School
Heathlands C of E (VC) Primary School, West Bergholt
Holy Trinity C of E (VC) Primary School, Halstead
Kelvedon St Mary's C of E Primary Academy
Rivenhall C of E Primary School
Silver End Academy
St Andrew's C of E Primary Academy, Marks Tey
St Peters C of E (VC) Primary School, Coggeshall
Stisted C of E Primary Academy

Appealing a decision

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