



Admissions Policy 2025/2026

School Name Pewsey Vale School

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Approved by directors

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Policy and Planned Capacity

Year 6: Pupils will be admitted at and after, age 11 without reference to ability, aptitude or culture, except in the exceptional circumstances outlined in point 2. The Published Admission Number (PAN) is 105.

Pupils with a Statutory Educational Health Care Plan are automatically entitled to a place at The Pewsey Vale School if it is the named school on the statement.

Application forms are available from the Local Authority or on the Pewsey Vale School website. They should be returned by noon on 31st October 2024. Applications may also be made to County Hall, Trowbridge on line at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1657/Apply-for-a-school-place>

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, priority will be given to applications for a place at Pewsey Vale School up to the PAN, using the criteria in the order listed. Parents will be notified of decisions by the Local Authority on 1st March 2025.

1. Over-Subscription Criteria for all Admissions

1.1 Looked After Children - 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. 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).

1.2 Children living within the catchment area who are siblings born at the same time (e.g. twins, triplets etc...)

1.3 Children living within the catchment area who have a sibling currently on roll, or who were on roll within two years of the date of admission of the applicant, at Pewsey Vale School . A sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, who is living in the same family unit at the same address.

1.4 Children of a member of staff employed by The Acorn Education Trust for more than two years at the time of which the application is made, living in the same family unit at the same address.

1.5 Children from a service family whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces and resident within the catchment

area.

1.6 Pewsey Vale's catchment area is defined as: Children who live in Pewsey and the surrounding villages.

Precedence will be given to children living nearest to the school. The distance from home to school will be measured "as the crow flies" from the school reception door to the front door of the home. Where parents have shared responsibility and the student lives part of the week with each parent, the nearest home to the school will be regarded as the main home.

1.7 All other children within the catchment area not previously covered by these criteria.

1.8 In the event of a "tie break" with regard to the above criteria, the Panel will make its decision based on distance.

2. Early Admissions to Year 7

In exceptional circumstances the Academy Council Admissions Panel will consider under age entry to Year 7 from primary school.

Applications will be considered on the following basis:

- a pupil has a Statutory Educational, Health and Care Plan which stipulates an early secondary education or
 - the parents request early entry and give valid educational and social reasons
 - an interview with senior staff and an entry test in English and Maths.

When an application is made without the support of a Statutory Educational Health Care Plan of special educational needs, the following will be required:

- detailed information from the Headteacher of the primary school on
 - Academic maturity
 - Social development
 - Physical maturity
 - Discussion with the parents and pupil, organised by the Primary Liaison Coordinator.
 - The advice of Local Authority's Educational Psychologist.

1.9 When the Primary School is unable to support the application, the recommendation of the LA's Educational Psychologist will be placed before the Admissions Panel.

1.10 When the Primary School supports the application, the

Admissions Panel may choose not to request the advice of the Local Authority's Educational Psychologist.

1.11 The above procedures and policy will work in conjunction with the School's Admissions Policy and the admissions criteria contained therein will determine all admissions to the school, irrespective of age.

3. Appeals

Any applicant refused a place from Year 7-11 has the right to independent appeal. Details of the appeals process will be contained with the standard letter sent to unsuccessful applicants. Appeals for applications to the Sixth Form should be made directly to the Headteacher whose decision is final.

4. In-year applications

For admission during and from **2025/26**, as per the Local Authority Co-Ordinated Scheme for Admissions, all applicants applying for any school place in Years 7-11 must complete an application form, which should be returned directly to the Local Authority and not the school. The school will follow the agreed Fair Access Protocol for hard-to-place children.