

## **Admissions Policy for Madeley Academy**

Madeley Academy welcomes children of all abilities and children with physical disabilities. For one year only the published Pupil Admission Number (PAN) into Year 7 is 205 for admission in September 2025. If the Academy does not receive 180 applications, every applicant will be offered a place. However, if the Academy is oversubscribed, all children who apply for a place at the Academy will be invited to attend a non-verbal reasoning assessment which will last for one hour and will be held at Madeley Academy. Children cannot “fail” the assessment.

Following the assessment, children will be placed in one of five ability bands based upon their score. The assessment results will be used to ensure that the Academy admits the full range of ability of applicants, with 41 students in each ability band being offered a place. The first children to be placed in the ability bands will be:

### **1. Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children**

Children in Public Care (Looked after Children) will be given highest priority for admission within each band. 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 including those who appear 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 (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

### **2. Siblings**

These are children who will have on the day of admission, a brother, sister, step brother, step sister, half-brother or half-sister in Years 7-10 only living as a family at the same address who attend the Academy.

### **3. Exceptional Health Reasons**

Those children that have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the Academy is essential for their well-being will also be given priority.

All remaining places will then be filled by those who live closest to the Academy with up to 41 in each band.

Parents/guardians need to be aware that preferences relating to the ranking and the naming of Madeley Academy on the Local Authority's Preference Forms are taken into consideration by the Local Authority. Applicants should select four schools in order of preference.

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) will be admitted where the Academy is named as the appropriate placement. The admission of children in this category is dealt with by a separate procedure in collaboration with the Local Authority.

## **Distance from the Academy**

If the Academy is oversubscribed and after the allocation of places to students who are EHCP, looked after or previously looked after, siblings and those with exceptional health reasons, distance to the Academy will be used combined with banding, to decide who will be offered places. From within each of the five bands, the applicants that live closest to the Academy (not their ranking within the band) will then be given priority for admission. Banding will be decided as described above. Distance is calculated in a straight line from the centre point of the home address to the centre point of the Academy. Home address is classified as the permanent residence where the applicant is living at the time of the offer and there must be evidence it is not temporary or for the purposes of gaining advantage to seek admission. The Academy may ask for proof in such cases where it may be suspected that unfair advantage is being sought by applicants on the issue of residence. Where a child lives separately with each parent for part of the week the address where the child spends the majority of the week will be classified as the home address for the purposes of admissions.

## **Offers**

Those who are offered a place at the Academy will be informed via email on **1 March 2025**. Offers of admission to those on the Waiting List will be made if a suitable place becomes available. Those not offered admission will be informed by email on **1 March 2025**. They will have been offered a place at an alternative school by the Local Authority.

## **Waiting List for Admission to Year 7**

If the Academy is oversubscribed, unsuccessful applicants will be placed on the Waiting List. If vacancies arise, those on the Waiting List will be offered a place using the Academy's Over-subscription Criteria. The Waiting List will be maintained until 31 December 2025. The Academy will then write to parents remaining on the Year 7 Waiting List to determine if they wish to remain on the list should a place become available. In January 2026, the Waiting List is then reconstituted following parental responses. The reconstituted list will then be maintained and places will be offered as they come available in accordance with the Academy's Over-subscription Criteria.

## **Late Applications**

The policy on late applications for Madeley Academy is in line with Telford and Wrekin's Children's Services arrangements.

## **Appeals**

Further details about Appeals and Rules of Admission can be viewed on the Academy's website:

[www.madeleyacademy.com](http://www.madeleyacademy.com)