## Southmoor Academy



## ADMISSIONS POLICY

The Academy Council of Southmoor Academy will be the Admission Authority for this Academy. The Academy Council intends to admit up to 240 students to Year 7 in September 2024. The Academy is completely non-selective and accepts all children.

Where a pupil has an Education, Health & Care Plan need a naming school - The admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan is dealt with by a separate procedure. Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements this will reduce the number of places available to other children.

The admissions policy is applied if the number of applications exceeds the number of places available. The admissions authority acknowledges the rights of parents/carers to express a first choice preference for the Academy. However, parental preference cannot be considered where the Academy is over-subscribed in a particular year.

The Academy Council, as the admissions authority, will admit students to the school in accordance with the following criteria in the following order of priority. However, there is no guarantee of a place for children living in our priority admissions area or attending the named feeder schools.

A 'looked after 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) at the time of making an application to a school. A 'looked-after' child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residency/child arrangement or special guardianship order a child that is looked-

of adoption (or become subject to a child arrangements order, residence order or special guardianship order) or a 'looked-after' child who appears to the Admission Authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as result of being adopted a child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

Attendance in Key Stage 2 (aged 7-10+) at a designated cluster junior or primary school namely:

Grangetown Primary School Hill View Junior Academy Valley Road Academy

We participate in Sunderland local authority including those who are unplaced and vulnerable, or having difficulty in securing a school place in-year, get access to a school place as quickly as possible.