



# The Peele Community College

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## The Peele Community College Admissions Policy for 2016-17

The admission number for the College is 144. Where the college has more applications than places, we apply the following criteria in the order listed.

In accordance with the Code of Practice for Special Educational Needs, the allocation of school places for children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs will take place before the College allocates other places as part of the annual admissions process.

1. The child is in the public care of the local authority.
2. There is a sibling who will still be attending the College when the child is due to start.
3. Driving distance from home to College.

If there is still a tie-break needed for the last place the governors of The Peele Community College would hold a lottery, which would be conducted by a person not connected with the admission process.

### Explanations and definitions:

#### Child in public care

- A child in public care is sometimes referred to as 'looked-after' is a child who is or has previously been in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by them in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the time of the application.

#### Sibling:

- A full brother or sister, whether or not living in the same household.
- Another child normally living for the majority of term time in the same household, for whom an adult in the household has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act 1989.
- In the case of twins (or two siblings in the same age cohort) and where there is only one place available in the College, both will be considered together as

one application. The College will be authorised to exceed its admission number by one.

### **Driving Distance from home to college**

The distance measured electronically by the local authority from the post office address point of the home to the post office address point of the College)

### **Home address**

This is the address where the child lives for the majority of the school term time with a parent who has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act 1989. This could include a person who is not a parent but who has responsibility for her or him.

It could include a child's guardians but will not usually include relatives such as grandparents, aunts, uncles etc unless they have the rights, duties, powers and responsibilities and authority, which by law a parent of a child has in relation to the child and their property.

Where a child lives normally during the school week with more than one parent at different addresses, the home address for the purposes of the college will be that of the parent who lives closest, as measured by driving distance, to the college.

Equally, where a family possesses more than one home, the College will take as the home address where the family and child normally live for the majority of the school term time.

We will investigate any concerns we may have about the accuracy of information provided and may withdraw the offer of a College place if there is evidence that fraudulent claims have been made.

### **Reserve Lists**

If you are unsuccessful in your application your child's name will automatically be placed on a reserve list (waiting list) until 31 August of the year of entry. This list is kept by the County Council's Schools Admission Team and is strictly in order of our published oversubscription criteria. The length of time your child's name is on the reserve list is not taken into account. After 31 August you should contact the College direct if you still want a place.

### **Appeals**

You have a right to an independent appeal panel if your application is unsuccessful. Details of the procedure can be obtained from the College.