

Brooke Weston Academy

The published admission number for the school for the Year 7 intake is 180.

The Brooke Weston Trust will consider all applications for places. Where fewer than 180 applications are received, the Trust will offer places to all those who have applied. When more than 180 applications are received and after the applicants with an EHC Plan where Brooke Weston Academy is named as the appropriate provision have been admitted, priority will be given in accordance with the Academy's oversubscription criteria.

Cognitive Ability Test

With the exception of applicants with an EHC Plan, all applicants will undertake a suitable cognitive ability test. This is used to ensure that the Academy admits an intake that is representative of the national ability range and is comprehensive in intake. All applicants taking the test will be placed in one of nine bands (stanines) based on the results of the ability test. A number of places will be allocated from each band in a proportion that reflects the national ability range. Where there are more applications than places, the oversubscription criteria will be applied.

Note: applicants who do not sit the test will only be considered for places at Brooke Weston Academy once allocations have been made to all those who did.

Oversubscription Criteria

Places will be allocated to pupils who have a EHC Plan that names the school as the appropriate provision. When there are more applications for places than there are places available, priority will be given in the following order:

- a) Looked After Children and all previously Looked After Children.
- b) Children of staff where that member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage in the area. (Demonstrable skill shortage will only normally apply to qualified teacher positions, where the school has continually been unable to recruit).
- c) Children who have a sibling link.
- d) Children who live in the linked area (**see below for definition of 'linked area'**).
- e) Other children based on the distance between the home address and school (**see below for definition of 'distance'**).

Tiebreaker

If the Admission Number is exceeded within criterion (b), (c) or (d) all places within that year group will be allocated at random in the priority order listed above. The random allocation will ensure that the correct proportions are allocated from each stanine. The random allocation will be generated electronically and will be verified by an independent observer to guarantee fairness.

Linked Area

"Corby" means the town of Corby and the associated villages for Corby secondary schools, as defined in the Local Authority's Annual Information for Parents booklet.

The associated villages are:

Brigstock, Cottingham, East Carlton, Great Oakley, Gretton, Harringworth, Little Oakley, Little Stanion, Lyveden, Middleton, Rockingham, Stanion and Weldon.

Distance:

Distances are measured from the home address to the address point of the Academy. It is measured on a straight line basis, using a geographical information system.

Year 7 Waiting Lists

The following arrangements apply to Brooke Weston Academy.

From the 1st March until the 31st August of the offer year (the academic year before the academic year in which students are admitted into Year 7) children's position on the Year 7 waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated, through a fresh round of random allocation, to children on the waiting list from the stanine that has become vacant and in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. If there is no-one on the waiting list from the stanine that has a vacancy the place will be filled by a child from a neighbouring stanine on an even basis (i.e. if the first child is from a stanine above then the next will be from the stanine below). **Students who did not take the ability test will only be considered if there are places remaining once empty places have been offered to all those who did take the test.**

From the 1st September until the 31st December of the Year of entry in Year 7, late applicants (those who did not apply before the Local Authority's closing date) and anyone else who did not sit the test will be randomly placed into the stanines on the waiting list, distributed evenly starting from stanine 5. Where places become vacant they will be allocated, through a fresh round of random allocation, to children on the waiting list from the stanine that has become vacant and in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. If there is no-one on the waiting list from the stanine that has a vacancy the place will be filled by a child from a neighbouring stanine on an even basis (i.e. if the first child is from a band above then the next will be from the band below).

In Year Waiting Lists

See paragraph 5.12.3 in the main policy.