

Summit Learning Trust Mission Statement

Strength through diversity
Ambition through challenge
Excellence through curiosity

Policy title	ADMISSIONS POLICY		
<p>Rationale</p>	<p>Summit Learning Trust comprises of four Primary schools, three Secondary schools and one Sixth Form College.</p> <p>The numbers and criteria for admission to Ninestiles, an Academy are detailed below.</p> <p>In Year 7 the following student numbers are admitted;</p> <table data-bbox="375 936 1013 969"> <tr> <td>Ninestiles, an Academy</td> <td>300</td> </tr> </table>	Ninestiles, an Academy	300
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<p>Policy statement</p>	<p>Admission to Ninestiles, an Academy</p> <p>300 places are available to children aged 11 by 1st September in the year of entry.</p> <p>9 of the 300 places are allocated to the Resource Base by the Local Authority, who administer these admissions.</p> <p>All other applicants are invited to complete an assessment. These assessments will test aptitude in non-verbal reasoning in line with the Government White Paper 'Excellence in Schools'. 30 places (10% of 300) will be allocated to those students achieving the highest marks in the assessment tests, who would not receive a place by other means.</p> <p>Up to 261 places offered using the criteria in line with Birmingham City Council School Admissions and Pupil Placement</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children in the care of the local authority or who previously were. 2. Children with a brother or sister already in the school who will be in attendance in September of the year admission is sought - The Local Authority's sibling definition has been adopted. 3. Children attending Erdington Hall Primary, Pegasus Primary, The Oaklands Primary, Yarnfield Primary or Kinton Green Primary School at the time of application, who choose to make an application in accordance with Ninestiles, an Academy's application procedure 4. Children living closest to the school. 		

Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the applicant's home address and the middle front gate of the School.

The Local Authority's Distance Definition, Shared Responsibility, and Separating the 'final qualifier'/Tie Breaker definitions have been adopted by Ninestiles, an Academy.

All applicants are required to submit a completed Ninestiles application form directly to the school no later than the published date for that year. (Forms available for collection from the school) Parents will be informed of the outcome of the test no later than 31st October.

All Local Authority applications must be submitted to the L.A. in accordance with their outlined procedure and by the date specified.

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below to decide which children to admit:

Priority is given to

- Children who are in the care of the local authority or who were previously so and have followed our admission process.
- A child in the care of the local authority or previously so but immediately after became subject to an adoption, residence, 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). In the case of children previously in the care of the local authority, admission authorities may request a copy of the adoption order, residence order or special guardianship order and a letter from the local authority that last looked after the child confirming that he or she was previously in the care of the local authority immediately prior to that order being made.
- Children who have followed our admissions process and are unsuccessful in gaining a place are given the opportunity to go on the waiting list.

Places will be offered on the basis that they become vacant. If a student is offered a place on distance from the school but no longer requires that place, it will be offered to the child highest on the waiting list in terms of distance.

Similarly, if a place is no longer required by a student who was offered a place because of their performance in the tests, the place will be offered to the child highest on the waiting list in terms of performance in the assessments.

Late entries from children who have moved into the area after the assessment process was completed are positioned on the waiting list in accordance with the above criteria.

Each added child will require the waiting lists to be ranked again in line with the oversubscription criteria. Waiting lists will remain open until the end of the academic year. Inclusion on the Ninestiles, an Academy waiting list does not mean that a place will eventually become available. It may be that those already allocated places do not give them up and Ninestiles, an Academy is unable to make further offers in the future.

Applications made outside the normal admissions round (in-year admissions) should be made directly to the school. Parents/carers can apply for a place for their child at any time and to any school.

On receipt of an in-year application, the school will notify the local authority of both the application and its outcome, to allow the local authority to keep up to date with figures on the availability of school places in Birmingham.

Where in-year applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below to decide which children to admit placing on any waiting list and then:

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Appeals Process

If you are unsuccessful in your application, you may have your appeal considered by an independent appeals panel convened by the school in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department for Education. All appeals should be addressed to the Chair of Governors at Ninestiles, an Academy.

These appeals will take place no later than 31st June before admission in September. Appeal forms will be available from the school office.

Monitoring and review	Principal, Senior Operations Manager, Admissions Officer
Date approved	November 2025
Review date*	June 2026

**Please note that should any further national guidance be issued by external agencies that are relevant to this policy, it will be updated accordingly prior to the review date shown above and referred to the next academy council meeting*