

Cirencester Kingshill School

The Governors of Cirencester Kingshill School, as the admission authority for this Academy, have agreed the following admissions criteria for entrants for September 2025.

SCHOOL ADMISSION CRITERIA **Entry in September 2025**

Policy and Numbers

Pupils will be admitted at age 11 without reference to ability or aptitude. The number of intended admissions for the year commencing 1st September 2025 will be 196.

Over-subscription

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

1. A 'looked after child' (a) or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption (b) child arrangements order (c) or special guardianship order (d) or a child who has previously been in state care outside of England (IAPLAC) (e).
 - a) *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) at the time of making an application to a school. In Gloucestershire, such children are referred to as Children in Care.*
 - b) *This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children's Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders).*
 - c) *Under the provisions of section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which amend section 8 of the Children Act 1989, residence orders have now been replaced by child arrangements orders.*
 - d) *See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).*
 - e) *A child is regarded as having been in 'state care outside of England' if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society (see Section 23ZZA(8) of the Children Act 1989 (inserted by Section 4 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017)).*
2. Children living in the priority catchment area normally served by the school, who will have siblings attending the school when the child is admitted. A sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address.
3. Children living in the priority catchment area normally served by the school, with the strongest geographical claim, measured from the Ordnance Survey point of the child's home address (including flats), to the main entrance hall of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

The existing "catchment" and "choice" areas of the school viz. the villages of

Brimpsfield	Barnsley	Elkstone
Ampney Crucis	Syde	Ampney St. Mary
Ampney St. Peter	Winstone	Duntisbourne Abbots
Driffield	Duntisbourne Rouse	Preston
Daglingworth	Siddington	Colesbourne
Kemble	Baunton	South Cerney
Rendcomb	North Cerney	Somerford Keynes
Poole Keynes	Bagendon	Coberley
Parish of Cowley	Kingshill and Beeches area of Cirencester	

A map of the catchment area is available from the school.

4. Children who live outside the priority catchment area normally served by the school, who will have siblings attending the school when the child is admitted. A sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address.
5. Children for whom only this particular school is appropriate due to an exceptional medical condition. Applications under this criterion will only be considered if they are supported by a written statement from the child's doctor at the time of submitting the application. This must demonstrate that there is a very specific connection between medical need and the facilities or resources of this school. The final decision to accept a child under this category will be made by the governors admission sub committee through consultation with an independent medical practitioner.
6. Other children with the strongest geographical claim, measured from the Ordnance Survey point of the child's home address (including flats), to the main entrance hall of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Where any particular category at points 1-5 above is oversubscribed, criterion 6 (strongest geographical claim based on straight line distance) will be used to determine which child is offered a place.

In the event of a tie between two or more children when applying criterion 6 (strongest geographical claim based on straight line distance) where there are not enough places available to offer all children a place at the school, a process of random allocation will be followed by the school.

Appeals. In the event of oversubscription Cirencester Kingshill School follows the Local Authority guidelines and has an appeals procedure in place. Please contact the school for further information after the pupil allocations date in March 2023

SEN. Cirencester Kingshill School will conform to the requirement to admit a child with an Education Health Care Plan that names the school as their preferred school, even if the school is full.

Waiting Lists. If the school is oversubscribed, a waiting list will be held for two school terms, until the December holiday. The waiting list will be prioritised according to the school's oversubscription criteria, regardless of the date the application was made, and should any places become available at the school they will be offered to the child at the top of the waiting list.

Fair Access Protocols. In accordance with the in-year Fair Access Protocols held by the Local Authority, should a vulnerable child within these Protocols require a place at the school, they will take precedent over any child on the waiting list.

Service Families Protocol. The school abides by the protocol set out by the local authority in the document 'Arrangements for Children of UK Service Personnel & Other Crown Servants (including Diplomats)', which can be found at <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.

In Year Admissions. Any applications for Cirencester Kingshill School, made outside the normal year of entry, must be made directly to the School. In accordance with its statutory duty, the Governing Body will be responsible for offering school places to children at Cirencester Kingshill School.

Coordinated Admissions Scheme for 2023/24 into Year 7 The Governing Body will work in consultation with the Local Authority with regard to the Coordinated Admission Scheme for 2023-2024

Transport. School transport is organised by the Local Authority. Some pupils may be entitled to free transport. Please contact Gloucestershire Local Authority (01452 425300) for details.