

Livingstone Academy Bournemouth admission arrangements for 2022/23

Introductory statement

Livingstone Academy Bournemouth is an Academy for 4-19 year old students, with the aspiration to deliver an authentic education for the 21st century. The Academy is located in Central Bournemouth. Our vision is to set up a high performing age 4-19 school for students to be equipped with the skills and qualifications required to operate and play an active and successful role in today's knowledge-based, interdependent, highly competitive, fast-changing digital world. Students from a wide range of backgrounds will experience an education centred on the development of the computational knowledge and skills, delivered through a partnership between the Academy and the digital industry, that are central to a successful life as a digital citizen in the 21st Century.

To clarify the vision, the Livingstone Academy Bournemouth will provide a broad and balanced education for children of all abilities with computing flowing through the curriculum as a discrete subject, through Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) and digital literacy. There will be an emphasis on the Creative Application of Science and Maths, developing computational thinking but also the creativity and enterprising skills essential to success in the creative and digital economy.

Today's young people live in a digitally-connected world surrounded by computers at school and in the home. They run their lives through mobile devices, it is their primary device for information and news and they immerse themselves in social media and screen entertainment. In a world that has become exponentially reliant on technology, it is important that all young people not only know how to consume technology but are given the knowledge, insight and the relevant skills to create their own technology as digital operators.

Admission number(s)

The school has an admission number 60 in Reception and 150 in Year 7 for 2022/23.

The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year group are received, the Academy Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

Application Process

Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council will process the applications. This means that you must complete your LA common application form.

Offers will be made on 01/03/2022 for Year 7 and 16/04/2022 for Reception.

The application form can be obtained from bcpcouncil.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The closing dates for applications are 31/10/2021 for Year 7 and 15/01/2022 for Reception.

Oversubscription criteria

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan or a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order.
2. Children with a sibling already at the Academy (*see Note 1*)
3. Children of staff in the following circumstances
 - a. the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. (School Admissions Code Dec 2014)
4. Children who have the shortest distance between home and Livingstone Academy Bournemouth (*see Note 2 and 3*)
5. Other children.

Tie-break

If the Academy is oversubscribed in any of the categories 2 - 5 above, pupils who live closest to the Academy will be given priority. (See Note 3). If there are insufficient places to accommodate all applicants and applicants for the final place(s) cannot be split, the remaining place(s) will be allocated using a random allocation process. The process will be electronically administered through the IT providers in use at the time. At the time of setting this policy the providers are Synergy.

Where multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets) from the same family are tied for the final place the Academy will admit them all and exceed its PAN.

Late applications

All applications received after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time. If, following consideration of all

applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the academy's waiting list.

Deferred entry for infants

Parents offered a place in reception for their child have a right to defer the date their child is admitted, or to take the place up part-time, until the child reaches compulsory school age. Places cannot be deferred beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made.

Children reach compulsory school age on the prescribed day following their 5th birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 August, 31 December and 31 March.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested.

When such a request is made, the academy trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

Waiting lists

The school will operate a waiting list for Reception and Year 7. Where the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the 31st December 2022. This will be maintained by the Academy and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Appellants should contact the Admissions Officer, admissions@livingstone-aspirations.org by the 20th school day after the notification of an unsuccessful application for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on our website at www.livingstone-aspirations.org/admissions/appeals

Notes:

1. Siblings:

Sibling means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a step brother or sister or other child living in the same household as part of the same family who, in any of these cases, will be living at the same address at the date of their application for a place.

2. Home address:

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with the doctor. If the residence is not split equally between both parents then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

A Change of Address During the Application Process: The academy will use the address declared at the time of the closing date for applications to measure the distance from home to school. The Academy will accept a future address if proof of a future move is given by the closing date. This can be done by providing a copy of a signed tenancy agreement or confirmation of the exchange of contracts on the sale of a property, to confirm the move is to take place before 1st September in the year the place is applied for.

3. Distance:

The distance is measured by the straight-line distance calculated by the Authority's Geographical Information System (GIS) in use at the time of allocation (the system at the time of setting the policy takes the measurement between the address mapping points of the school and the applicant's home). If distances are equal, as calculated by the Council's GIS system, for example a flat in a block of dwellings with the same front entrance a random allocation system will be used to determine the allocation.

End of Policy.

Last Consultation Date: 2020