

## Admission to Secondary School – September 2021

### Allocation of places to Seaford Head School at 1 March 2021

Total number of applications received	450
First preference	306
Late first preference	3

The priorities adopted to decide which children should be allocated places were stated in the **Determination SHS Admissions Year 7 Sept 2020** policy which can be found by clicking on the “About Us” tab on the School’s website and selecting Policies/Admissions Determination for Year 7.

All applications received by the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, whether a first, second or third preference are ranked against the admissions criteria. 3 late applications were received, all of these applications were unsuccessful.

Those children meeting the criteria for more than one school were offered the school that featured highest on the application form. The number of children allocated places according to their preference are detailed as follows:

Published Admission Number	240
Number of places allocated	240
First Preference	239
Second Preference	1

As the number of applications exceeded the number of available places it was necessary to apply the School’s admission criteria. Having done so places could only be offered to those children in priority categories 1 to 6 and those in priority 7 who lived nearer than 4816 metres from the School.

The criteria are listed in the table below with the number of children allocated places in each category of priority.

Priority	Description of admissions criteria	Places allocated
	Children with an Educational, Health and Care plan	6
1	Looked after children and previously looked after children	8
2	Children of UK service personnel (UK Armed Forces) or crown servants	0
3	Siblings of children on roll at Seaford Head School at the time of admission who live in the community area	71
4	Children of staff	1
5	Children living within the pre-defined community area	146
6	Siblings of children on roll at Seaford Head School at the time of admission who are on roll at one of our feeder schools	5
7	Children living outside our community area who are on roll at one of our feeder schools	3
8	Siblings of children on roll at Seaford Head School at the time of admission who live outside the community area	0
9	Children living outside the pre-defined community area	0
	<b>Total number of places allocated</b>	<b>240</b>

**Tie breaker:** The tiebreaker is applied if there are more children within an oversubscription criterion than places available. Applications within that criterion are prioritised on the basis of the shortest route from home to school site where Year 7 is based. The distance from the child’s home address to the main gate of the school’s Steyne Road site is measured on behalf of the Governing Body using the method adopted by East Sussex County Council. The distance is measured using the County Council’s Geographical Information System (GIS).

**All places for Year 7 for September 2021 at Seaford Head School are now filled. The Board of Governors' view is if additional children are admitted over the Published Admission Number to Seaford Head School the education of all the students at the school, including those additional children, could be adversely affected. The governing body will vigorously defend any appeals.**

The following information relates to questions commonly raised by parents.

### **Why was my application refused?**

- Your application will have been unsuccessful for one or more of the following reasons:
- The application was made as a social and medical claim. This was not a valid criterion in Seaford Head School's admissions determination for the September 2021 intake.
- Your home address at the time of application was outside of the pre-defined community area and was further from the school than the home address of the last child admitted which is 4692 metres.
- You moved house after the closing date for applications but, based on any evidence provided, this did not lead us to consider your application differently.
- Your application was late as it was received after 31 October 2020 deadline.

### **How did my child end up with the school allocated?**

The place allocated will either be one of your stated preferences or, if a place couldn't be offered at any of the schools you gave on your application form, it will be the nearest school to your home with a place available.

### **What can I do if I am unhappy with the decision?**

**You have a right to appeal** against the decision to refuse your application for a school and can appeal for any school where a place has not been offered as long as it was named on your application form. Appeals are heard by an independent appeal panel and you can attend the appeal hearing if you so wish.

Appeals for Seaford Head School are administered by East Sussex County Council and can be submitted online by completing the form on the Council's website at:

[www.eastsussex.gov.uk/schoolappeals](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/schoolappeals)

Guidance notes on making an appeal and where to get more help are provided with the form.

Alternatively you can ask for paper versions of the appeal form(s) and guidance notes to be sent to you by contacting The Schools Appeals Service, East Sussex County Council, Room West E, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes BN7 1UE or by emailing a request to: [schoolappeals@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:schoolappeals@eastsussex.gov.uk)

Please return your appeal form(s) to the appeals service by **Thursday 1 April 2021**. You are entitled to an appeal after this deadline, but this could lead to delays in your case being heard.

Place your child on a waiting list – If you do not wish to appeal but would like to place your child on a waiting list please complete an application form by clicking on the Waiting List Applications Please email the completed form to [admissions@seafordhead.org](mailto:admissions@seafordhead.org). Children can be placed on a waiting list for any school that has not been offered but was named on the application form. Waiting lists will be operational after the closing date for the appeal forms and further details can be obtained from Seaford Head School.