



Gospel Oak School Admissions 2025/2026

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Admission Number - 240

The Gospel Oak School admission priorities are detailed below:

1. A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. 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 as defined by section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989 at the time of making the application for a school place
2. Students whose siblings currently attend the school and will continue to do so at the date of admission. Please note that this does not apply if the sibling is in Post-16 provision at the school

The sibling definition is the same of that of the Local Sandwell Authority; blood brothers/sisters with the same address, half- brothers/sisters with the same address, stepbrothers/sisters with the same address and children whose parents aren't married but who live at the same address.

3. Students on the basis of proximity to the School using straight line measurement from the main entrance of the School to the child's home.

In the case of flats or multiple occupancy, measurement will be taken from the main entrance of the building.

Tie-breaker – If two or more applicants tie for last place during allocation process the final place shall be decided by a random number generator, independently overseen by Sandwell Local Authority.

The Gospel Oak School is an independent, state funded school which has an agreed admission limit of 240 per year for admission into year 7 and 100 places per year for admission into Post 16. Where the School receives more applications for year 7 than it has places available, the criteria listed above will apply.

Application Process

The Gospel Oak School will comply with national co-ordinated admissions scheme for Sandwell which requires all parents to complete a preference form provided by the LA. In completing this form, the Gospel Oak School must be listed as one of the preferences on the LA form. Inaccurate or false information will invalidate applications to the Gospel Oak School. On receipt of the application details, the Gospel Oak School will liaise with the Local Authority over preferences and rankings and agree places to be offered. The Gospel Oak School will follow the Sandwell agreed definitions of address, siblings, twins and multiple birth applications.

Closing date for applications is **31st October 2024**. For more information, please visit the Sandwell Admissions page on: www.sandwell.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Appeals and Waiting Lists

Those who are offered a place at the Gospel Oak School will be informed on **1st March 2025** by the Local Authority. Parents who are not offered a place through this process have a right to appeal against the decision. Sandwell School Admissions will be appointed in accordance with the Code of Practice for School Admission Appeals. If the Gospel Oak School is oversubscribed, parents will automatically be placed on a waiting list, in coalition with the Sandwell and, should vacancies arise within this time, will be offered a place in accordance with the published admissions criteria.

In Year Applications for Admission

The parent[s]/carer[s] of children seeking admission to the school should apply for a place by completing an in year admission form, available from www.sandwell.gov.uk/schooladmissions Once completed, the form should be sent straight to the local authority and not the school. All in year admissions are managed by Sandwell Local Authority.

Applications for places at Gospel Oak School should be made to the Sandwell Local Authority. The school doesn't keep its own midyear waiting list. If several requests for places in the same year are received at the same time, places will be offered according to the school's admission criteria.

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Admission to Sixth form

Applicants for entry at Post 16 should contact the School directly for an application pack or complete the online application form; full Post 16 course details can also be accessed online. Up to 20 Post-16 places will be made available for students who are not currently attending the School.

All admission thresholds are contained within the Post 16 Prospectus and are summarised in the table below:

Level of Course	Type of Course	Entry Requirements
3	A Level	Subject specific – Maths or English grade 4 or above
3	Vocational Subjects	Subject specific – Maths or English grade 4 or above When selecting the Vocational component an interest and experience in this or a related subject is preferable. Some of the vocational courses require a significant amount of work experience to be undertaken.

Students can study on one of 3 pathways:

- Purely A Levels
- Purely Vocational subjects
- A mixture of both A Level and Vocational

Entry to all Post 16 subjects is subject to satisfactory impartial advice and guidance from the home school, Connexions and agreement over suitable option choices. Deadline for Post 16 applications is **30th June 2025**

In the event of there being more applications from qualifying students than there are places available, the admission priorities applying to the School will be used to determine those to be admitted. If it is necessary to refuse applications following the application of the admission priorities, parents/carers will have the right of an appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel.