SANDWELL ACADEMY

Rules of Admission

Academic Year
2024 / 2023

All applicants will be tested using a NFER (National Foundation of Education Research) Non-Verbal Reasoning Test.

All children will be placed in one of the five ability bands, with the same number of places in each band, and an equal number of children will be taken from each. **No child can fail this test** and therefore any requests to re-sit the assessment will be refused. The test will last one hour. The dates for the test are published on the back page of this document and are also found in Sandwell MBC's Admission Booklet. There will also be a 'Mop Up' testing date (usually five school days after the published dates) for any student who, for any reason, did not attend their first date and who requests a further date within that time scale. Any student not sitting the test at all will be considered for a place but only **after** all students who did attend testing have been considered.

Due to the large number of applications the Academy regular receives, it is strongly advised that applicants attend their allocated test date and time. Further testing arrangements, after the 'Mop Up' testing session, **cannot** be made due to the marking system used by the testing company. It is the responsibility of the parent(s)/carer(s) to ensure their child has received a test invitation and attends a testing session. If you have not received notification of the test by **Wednesday 22 November 2023**, please contact the Admissions Officer.

If places become available for students who have not taken the test, those applicants will be required to attend a further testing session to establish their band of ability to determine the allocation of places. The test results will be used to ensure that the Academy admits children of all abilities.

for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. Up to 5 applicants will be considered under