Social and medical criterion: Important notes

This criterion applies to Learning without Limits Academy Trust schools only.

How we will process your application

Priority under this criterion can normally only be given for one specific school. If you seek to apply the criteria for more than one school, you will need to provide clear reasons for this.

You must apply, along with providing supporting evidence, by completing this form.

Examples of the written evidence we would consider are:

a) Supporting documentation from a medical professional
b) Supporting information provided by a social worker
c) Supporting information provided by a Police officer
d) Court order

In each case, the connection between a child's need and the specific school must be made and you must clearly demonstrate why this specific school can meet the child's needs in a way that no other school can.

Evidence relating to the social or medical circumstances of the parent can be considered, but only if this impacts on the child and their need to attend a specific school.

'Medical need' is unlikely to include mild or moderate versions of conditions including asthma or allergies, as all Leicester City/ Leicestershire Schools are compliant with equality legislation and are able to cater to pupils with such needs.

'Social need' does not include a parent's wish that a child attends the school because of a child's aptitude or because their friends attend the school or because of routine child-minding arrangements.

There will be a two-stage assessment process for eligibility.

First assessment stage
During the first stage, a sift will be undertaken by the admission team to check that:
a) the parent has identified a clear school
b) the parent has provided supporting evidence

If the criteria outlined above are not met, the application will be considered as a normal application and considered under the usual admission rules.

There is no right of appeal if an application has not met the social and medical criterion but you will have the usual right of statutory appeal for a school place.

Second assessment stage
If an application passes stage 1, it will then be considered during the second stage by a

panel of senior officers. During the second stage, a panel of senior officers will determine whether the evidence provided is sufficiently compelling to meet the above requirements. You will be notified of the panel's decision in writing and the letter will indicate which criterion we will use to process your application. All Leicester City and Leicestershire schools have experience in dealing with children with diverse social and medical needs, and so your case must be clearly exceptional in order to be considered under this criterion.

We may have to share the information provided with the offered school.

Social / medical criterion: application form

Parent / Carers full name:	
Relationship to child:	
Contact telephone number:	
Email address:	
Child's full name:	
Child's date of birth:	
Child's current address:	
Current school attended:	
Name of school for which you are seeking the social / medical criterion.	
Please provide full reasons for requesting that the social and medical criterion is applied to this school preference. You may continue onto the separate sheet overleaf. You must also attach your supporting evidence as outlined within the notes section. Please note that this must be the school that can meet your child's needs in the way that no other school can.	

Reasons for requesting the social / medical criterion (continued):
Declaration: I declare that the information I have provided is true and correct. I understand that Learning without Limits Academy Trust and its admissions administrators Leicester City Council and Leicestershire County Council will undertake further checks to verify the evidence provided and this may include sharing the information provided with schools and other professionals. Signed: Please print name: Date:

Please return the form and supporting evidence along with your completed admissions application to:

For Leicester City Residents	**For Leicestershire County Residents**
School Admissions Team City Hall 115 Charles Street Leicester LE1 1FZ admissions.online@leicester.gov.uk	Use the Leicestershire County Council Contact Form