

## Exceptional social and medical need application guidance

### *Priority b)*

Children who have exceptional social or medical need, supported by a written recommendation from an independent medical professional such as the child's paediatrician / consultant or an independent professional from Children's Services. The recommendation must explain why the Academy is the *only* suitable school to meet the child's needs and why *no other school* could provide the appropriate support for the child.

### *How to apply*

Exceptional need applications must be stated in the Reasons for choosing the school section found on the Standard or Common Application Form (SAF / CAF).

In addition to this a category 2 application should be submitted to the local authority: [school.admissions@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@manchester.gov.uk)

The application should be accompanied by the recommendation stated in the criterion (above). The recommendation must be:

- Written by a person who is independent i.e. not a relative or friend.
- Explain why the child's needs can *only* be met by the Academy that is being applied for.
- Explain why *no other school* can provide the appropriate support for the child.

If families have any other documents to support their application, they should submit these in addition to the recommendation.

### For applications:

- to start Year 7 in September 2027, the exceptional need application should be submitted by 31 October 2026
- to start in-year, it should be submitted at the same time the in-year application is made