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The Nuneaton Academy

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1. Definitions

The Nuneaton Academy Admissions Policy 2021-2022

1. Introduction

1.1 The Nuneaton Academy is a co-educational secondary school catering for students from the age of 11 through to 16. As an academy the school is part of the Midland Academies Trust, which acts as the admissions authority.

2. Admissions into Year 7

2.1 Applying for a Place

Arrangements for applications for places at the beginning of year 7 are made in accordance with the Local Authority's co-ordinated admission arrangements. Therefore, applications must be made directly to the Local Authority in which the child lives. In the summer term, parents of all Year 6 students are provided with the appropriate information required to make an application. This includes the timetable to be followed and the closing date for applications. Details are also available on the Local Authority's own website www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions. Details of open events for parents and their children can be found on the Academy's website www.nuneatonacademy.co.uk/ and within the prospectus.

2.2 Published Admission Number for Year 7

The published admission number for year 7 at the Nuneaton Academy is 210. When the number of applicants for this age group is below this number, then all applicants will be admitted.

2.3 Oversubscription Criteria

Where the number of applications for admission into year 7, is greater than the published admission number and after the admission of children with statements of Special Educational Needs where the school is named on the statement, applications will be considered against the criteria below and in the order in which they are set out:

i. A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. See appendix 1 for a definition of an adoption order and a residence order[1].

ii. Children with a sibling[1] currently attending the Academy and who will continue to do so after the date of admission. See appendix 1 for a definition of sibling.

iii. Other children living in the priority area[1] . See appendix 1 for a definition of the priority area.

iv. Other pupils living outside the priority area.

In the case of applications from twins and other multiple births (or two or more siblings in one year group), they will be treated as a single application and within each oversubscription criteria, will be considered before other applications to avoid the admission number being exceeded. In the rare case where a multiple application would cause the Academy to exceed its admission number, the Academy will admit all the applicants under a multiple application rather than cause the applicants to be admitted to different schools.

Within each oversubscription category, decisions are based on the distance[1] between the child's home address[1] and the school site, with priority going to those living nearest the Academy site in Radnor Drive, Nuneaton. See appendix 1 for a definition of distance and home address.

Once the above criteria have been applied to applicants and offers have been made, subsequent to the offer date for secondary admissions the Academy may offer places to the children of newly appointed teachers where there is a demonstrable skills shortage for the vacant post in question. The Academy is able to exceed its admission number in offering such places.

2.4 **Tie Break when Applying the Oversubscription Criteria**

In the event of a tie between two or more applicants who cannot be separated when applying the oversubscription criteria, a process of independently verified random allocation will be used to allocate the places.

2.5 **Late Applications**

All applications received up to and including 31 October of each year for the following academic year will be treated as on time. Applications received after this date will be considered to be late and may not be processed until after the following 1st March.

3. Waiting Lists

3.1 Subject to any provisions regarding waiting lists in Warwickshire LA's co-ordinated admission scheme, the Nuneaton Academy will operate a waiting list. Where in any year the Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate for unsuccessful applicants to year 7 and year 11. Waiting lists will also be maintained for other year groups (except year 13) when these year groups are full. Waiting lists will be maintained by the Nuneaton Academy and it will be open to any parent to ask for their child's name to be placed on a waiting list for the relevant year group following an unsuccessful application.

3.2 Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the criteria for admission set out above for the relevant age group. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. These lists will operate until the end of the school year but parents will be asked to confirm if they wish their child's name to remain on the list after 1 October each year.

4. In-Year Admissions / Admissions other than Transfer at the Start of Year 7

4.1 Parents should apply via the normal in-year admissions procedures as co-ordinated by the Local Authority in which the child lives. Subject to any provisions in the LA's co-ordinated admission arrangements relating to applications submitted for years other than the normal year of entry, all such applications will be considered and if the year group has a place available, admit the child unless one of the permitted reliefs apply. If more applications are received than there are places available, the over-subscription criteria above for the relevant age group shall apply.

5. Fair Access Protocol

5.1 The Nuneaton Academy will participate in Warwickshire Local Authority's In Year Fair Access Protocol.

6. Appeals

6.1 There will be a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel for unsuccessful applicants. Should a parent wish to make an appeal, then full guidance on what to do, the form to be completed and the name of the organisation running the appeals process can be obtained by contacting the school directly.

Appendix 1

Definitions

[1] An **adoption order** is an order under Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. A '**residence order**' is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

[1] A **sibling** is defined as:

- A brother or sister who share one or both parents, whether or not resident in the same household
- A half-brother or half-sister who share one common parent
- A step brother or step sister where two children are related by a parent's marriage
- An adopted or fostered child living in the same household under the terms of a residence order
- Another child normally in residence for the majority of the time in the household for whom the adult in the household has parental responsibility and also has parental responsibility for the child currently attending the Academy.

[1] The **priority area** of the school is defined as:

From its northernmost point, where the railway line crosses the Coventry Canal (north of Vernons Lane) the boundary of the priority area goes:

- south, following the Coventry Canal, including properties to the west of the canal, to where it meets Croft Road; then
- west along Croft Road, including properties on the north side of Croft Road, to its junction with Greenmoor Road; then
- south along Greenmoor Road, excluding all properties on Greenmoor Road, but including those in roads off the west side of Greenmoor Road, to its junction with Heath End Road; then
- west along Heath End Road, including all properties on the north side, as far as the dismantled railway line before Heath End Farm; then
- south along the track of the dismantled railway line to where it crosses Harefield Lane; then
- south along Mimosa Close and Walsingham Drive, but excluding all properties on Mimosa Close and Walsingham Drive, to the Bedworth Bypass (A444); then
- west along the boundary between the Arbury Ward in Nuneaton and the Slough Ward in Bedworth from the Bedworth bypass to Cowley Wood; then
- initially south, following the Parish Boundaries of Astley and Arley, including all properties in these parishes, as far as the Arley Tunnel; then
- east along the railway line to the point where it crosses the Coventry Canal.

The Academy has a detailed map for use in determining whether or not a property is included in the priority area.

[1] **Distance** will be calculated by the straight line measurement from the centre of the applicant's home address location (as set by Ordnance Survey) to the centre point ("centroid") of the preferred school. (All measurements are subject to prepositional accuracy changes). This applies equally to those living inside and outside the County's boundary. Applications made from the same multiple dwelling, sharing a single

Postal Address File and/or where the distance from home to school is identical, where required, individual priority for such applicants within a particular criterion will be set by random allocation (lottery) with an independent person making the draw.

[1] A child's **home address** is considered to be the residential property where the child normally resides/sleeps when s/he attends school. Addresses involved in child minding operations are excluded. Where a child lives with each of their split parents at separate addresses, the qualifying address will be the one where the child spends (i.e. sleeps) the majority of the school week. If the child spends exactly equal amounts of time in the two addresses the parents themselves will be asked to nominate which address they wish to be the child's main address for school admission purposes. Where a school place is allocated on the basis of an address which is subsequently found to be different from the child's home address, that place is liable to be withdrawn.