

Admission Policy

For applications for admission in the 2019/2020 and following academic years, it will operate with the admission arrangements and admission number of 210 pupils. These can be found in Northamptonshire County Council's booklet on applying for a secondary school which is available [here](#).

The policy for admissions in the 2019/2020 Academy year is set out below.

The Academy has an agreed admission number of 210 pupils.

After allocating places to children with statements of Special Educational Needs which name the school/Academy, where there are more applications for admission than places available, priority will be given in the following order:

1. 'Looked After Children' and children who were 'previously Looked After' but, immediately after being 'Looked After' became subject to an adoption, residence, or Special Guardianship Order.
2. Where there will be an older sibling in attendance at the Academy at the date of admission. Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent or carer's partner where the children live at the same address.
3. Exceptional social or medical needs. If you believe that your child has exceptional medical or social needs you will need to provide evidence of this from an appropriate professional. The needs **must** relate to your child and the evidence must detail how the needs of your child can *only* be met at The Parker E-ACT Academy. Information on exceptional medical needs should be sent directly to the Academy.
4. Pupils who live in the linked areas associated with the Academy: Ashby St Ledgers, Barby, Braunston, Catesby, Daventry, Drayton, Hellidon, Kilsby, Olney, Olney Park, Staverton, Welton. (A map will be available on request).
5. Pupils attending the designated contributory primary schools: Barby, Braunston, Kilsby, Staverton, Welton and continuing in attendance until the offer of places is made.
6. Other pupils.

Tiebreak

If the admission number is exceeded within any of the above criteria, priority will be given to those who live closest to the Academy.

Distances are measured from the property to the nearest access point to the Academy grounds. It is measured on a straight-line basis, using a geographical information system. The point from which your property is measured is known as the 'address point'. Each address has a unique address point established by the Ordnance Survey and the Royal Mail address files. The address point for a property does not change.

In the case of multiple applications from the same shared dwelling (e.g. flats), random allocation will be used to decide the priority given to each of the pupils within the shared dwelling.

Waiting lists

Where, for any year group, the Academy receives more applications than there are places available, a waiting list will operate. Any parent may ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application. They will remain on the waiting list until offered a place or until they ask to be removed.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the admissions criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

The Academy will use Northamptonshire County Council's 'In Year scheme' to enable a one-stop shop for parents applying for a place outside the normal admissions round. (Except for Sixth Form places, where applications should go straight to the Academy).

Definitions

A **Looked After Child** is a child who is in the care of a Local Authority in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the time the application for admission to the Academy is made and whom the Local Authority has confirmed will still be looked after at the date of admission.

An **Adoption Order** is an order made under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

A **Residence Order** is an order outlining the arrangements as to the person with whom the child will live under section 8 of the Children Act 1989.

A **Special Guardianship Order** is an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian or guardians under section 14A of the Children Act 1989.

Examples of cases which have been accepted under social and medical needs:

1. A child with limited mobility who is only able to walk to their nearest school/Academy.
2. A child for whom only one school/Academy is suitable due to Child Protection issues.

Example cases which have **not** been upheld under social and medical needs:

1. Case made for continuity of child minding arrangements, e.g. using a child-minder that children are already familiar with who caters for children attending certain schools, or child minding by family members living close to a specific school/Academy. These cases were not upheld because they are not exceptional. Many families rely on complex child minding arrangements.

2. Cases made for children with specific learning and/or behavioural needs where the professional evidence submitted is not school/Academy specific. All schools/Academies are able to support children with a wide variety of individual needs. If a child's individual needs warrant a Statement of Special Educational Needs the statement will name the appropriate school/Academy.
3. Medical cases where even though there is a severe illness, more than one school/Academy could deal with the child's needs. For example, cases of Asthma and Eczema were not upheld because they are not exceptional and the professional evidence submitted was not school/Academy specific.