

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2021/22

A. Admissions to Year 7 – admission oversubscription criteria

The admission limit for students in the intake year will be 210 and parents must apply to their home authority. In the event of over-subscription, the following criteria will be applied by the Board of Directors in priority order, to determine which applications will be granted after children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the Academy have been offered a place.

1. A 'looked after child' or all children adopted from care who became subject to an adoption, residence, child arrangement or special guardianship order. A looked after child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). See Section F for full definition.
2. Children who are attending the Hucknall National C of E Primary School and Linby-cum-Papplewick C of E Primary School on the closing date for secondary transfer applications.
3. Children will then be prioritized in accordance with the Definition 'Worship' (see Section F) using the below criteria. Within each criteria children places will be allocated in order of regularity of worship.
 - a) Children who have worshipped at a Church of England Church.
Applications will be prioritised within this category using the following criteria:
 - I. Whether the child is at the heart of the church
 - II. Whether the child is attached to the church
 - III. Whether the child is known to the church
 - b) Children who have worshipped at any Christian Church which is a member of Churches Together in England.
Applications will be prioritised within this category using the following criteria:
 - i. Whether the child is at the heart of the church
 - ii. Whether the child is attached to the church
 - iii. Whether the child is known to the church
 - c) Children who have worshipped at a place of worship of another recognised world faith.
Applications will be prioritised within this category using the following criteria:
 - I. Whether the child is at the heart of the church
 - II. Whether the child is attached to the church
 - III. Whether the child is known to the church
4. Children who have a brother or sister who will be attending the school at the time of admission.
5. Children of staff in either or both of the following circumstances:
 - a) where a member of staff has been employed at the Academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the Academy is made and/or
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable staff shortage.
6. All other children
Remaining places will be allocated to children who live nearest to the Academy measured as the crow flies.

In the event of over-subscription within each of the criteria, priority will be given to children who live nearest to the school as the crow flies (by straight line). Distances are measured from the main administrative point at the school campus to an address point (using eastings and northings as defined by Ordnance Survey) to the child's home using the local authority's computerised measuring software. If more than one applicant meets exactly the same admission criteria the Academy will rank in accordance with a random allocation by lot *conducted by a body independent of National Church of England Academy*.

Where one child of a multiple birth can be admitted, his or her brothers and sisters will also be admitted even where this causes the PAN to be exceeded.

The terms of the Nottinghamshire County Council Co-ordinated scheme for admissions will apply, including the dates specified in that scheme. Late applications will be considered in accordance with the scheme.

A waiting list for the new intake will be maintained in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council until the end of the autumn term in the intake year. Students on the waiting list will be ranked in the same order as the oversubscription criteria. Waiting lists will not be held after the end of the autumn term.

After this time any students wanting to be placed on a waiting list must apply through the in-year admission process.

B. Special Circumstances

Consideration will be given to applicants who can establish particular medical, special educational need, disability needs or social grounds relating to their child. Supporting written evidence from a doctor, social worker or other relevant professionals **must be provided at the time of application**.

Special circumstances may take precedence over the numbered criteria set out above.

The Principal and Chair of Directors' Admissions Panel will consider 'special circumstances'.

C. In-year Admissions

Where in-year applications are received from whom the Academy is the named school with children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan or from children 'Looked After' or previously looked after by the Local Authority, the Academy will admit regardless of whether a place is available or not.

All in-year admissions will be managed by the Academy and all applicants will be required to complete the appropriate application form available from the Academy or the website. The Board of Directors will notify Nottinghamshire County Council of both the application and the outcome. All applications received in mid-term will be dealt with in accordance with the above admission and oversubscription criteria, and will comply with the 2014 Admissions Code. Parents/carers will be required to confirm their acceptance of a place within 14 days.

The Academy will admit students up to the PAN set for the specific year group. In the event of a place being available in the appropriate year then that will be offered by the Board of Directors' Admissions Committee. This will be communicated to parents/carers and the Local Authority. Details of vacancies in any year group can be obtained by contacting the Academy. All applications are considered against the Academy's published oversubscription criteria. If places are not available, the applicant will receive the right to appeal against the decision.

The Academy does not hold a waiting list for in year transfer applications. Repeat applications are treated in the same way as initial applications and criteria applied appropriately at the time of the repeat application. If an applicant pursues an appeal and is not successful, the academy will not accept further applications in the same academic year unless, in exceptional circumstances, the academy has accepted that there is a significant and material change in the circumstances of the parent, child or school.

Distance is measured from the child's home address to the main school 'IN' gate as the crow flies using the website www.freemaptools.com

All students admitted will normally be placed on the Academy roll at the start of the next term or half term unless there are genuine reasons for an earlier admission (e.g. students coming under the Special Circumstances of Section B).

The Academy will also admit children in accordance with decisions made in conjunction with the local Schools Behaviour and Attendance Partnership (S.BAP) and the Local Authority Fair Access Protocol team.

Admission of children outside the normal age group

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of the normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. Children should only be educated out of the normal age group in very limited circumstances.

Nottinghamshire residents should submit a request in writing to the academy **and** to Nottinghamshire County Council's school admissions team as early as possible.

Decisions will be based on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, the child's medical history and the views of a medical professional and whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. We will also take into account the views of the head teacher of the school concerned. When informing a parent of the decision on the year group to which the child should be admitted, the parent will be notified of the reasons for the decision.

Where it is agreed that a child will be admitted out of the normal age group and, as a consequence of that decision, the child will be admitted to a relevant age group (i.e. the age group to which students are normally admitted to the school) the local authority and admission authority must process the application as part of the main admissions round on the basis of their determined admission arrangements only, including the application of oversubscription criteria where applicable. The parent has a statutory right to appeal against the refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied. This right does not apply if they are offered a place in the school but it is not their preferred age group. This complies with point 2.17A of the school admissions code.

D. Admission to the Sixth Form

Published admission number – 30 external students

Admission to the Sixth Form is open to all applicants meeting the admission criteria and is not restricted to students from the National Academy. Subject criteria will be outlined each year in the subject prospectus.

Students who apply for the two year course will be expected to follow, as a minimum, a four AS level or level 3 equivalent / three A-level or level 3 equivalent combination of subjects. The minimum entry requirement for this course is 5 grade 5's at GCSE in relevant subjects. Further details are outlined in the prospectus.

Students who fail to meet the minimum entry requirements for the two year course will have their application considered on an individual basis.

It is anticipated that the sixth form capacity will be 150 students per year group from the National Academy.

Oversubscription criteria for students who meet the minimum entrance requirements are the same as section A. Admissions to Year 7, but without item number 2. Distance is measured from the child's home address to the main school 'IN' gate as the crow flies using the website www.freemaptools.com

E. Rights of Appeal

1. **New year 7 intake via co-ordinated admissions scheme:** When requests for admission are refused the applicants will be informed by Nottinghamshire County Council or the local home authority. Details of how to appeal are provided on request from the Admissions Officer at the National Church of England Academy, Annesley Road, Hucknall, NG15 7DB, telephone 0115 9635667.
2. **In year admissions:** When requests for admission into a specified intake year have been refused by the academy, appellants have at least 20 school days from the date of notification that their application was unsuccessful to prepare and lodge their written appeal. Details of how to appeal are provided on request from the Admissions Officer at the National Church of England Academy, Annesley Road, Hucknall, NG15 7DB, telephone 0115 9635667.
3. Appeals are heard by Independent Appeal panels; outcomes of appeals will be communicated to applicants by the clerk to the appeal panel.

F. Definitions

Parent

The mother of a child

An adoptive parent

The father of the child where he was married to the mother either when the child was born or at a later date

The father of the child if (since 1 December 2003) he was registered as the father on the birth certificate

Any other person who has acquired 'parental responsibility' through the courts. We may require evidence of this.

Looked after child and previously looked after children

A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions in accordance with section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 at the time of making an application to a school.

Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order). This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 and children who were adopted under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

Child arrangements orders are defined in section 8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order. 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)

Oversubscription criteria **must** then be applied to all other applicants in the order set out in the arrangements.

Siblings

A brother or sister who share the same parent

A half brother or sister where two children share one common parent

A step brother or step sister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage

Adopted or fostered children living in the same household under the terms of a residence order

If we receive an application which contains fraudulent or deliberately misleading information any offer of a place based on that information will be automatically withdrawn.

Worship

The following criteria will be used when defining 'Worship'.

- **at the heart of the church**
- **attached to the church**
- **known to the church**

A child '**at the heart of the church**' refers to a regular, committed worshipper. This means a child who worships usually at least twice a month in the previous 12 months to accommodate difficult patterns of work and family relationships, account should be taken of weekday worship.

A child '**attached to the church**' may be a regular, but not frequent worshipper, for example a child who usually attends a monthly family or church parade service, is a regular attendee of Christian uniformed organisations or regularly involved in a weekday church activity including an element of worship in the previous 12 months.

A child '**known to the church**' may not be a frequent worshipper, but will probably be an occasional worshipper, someone who is known through a family connection, or one of more of whose family is involved in some church activity, such as a uniformed or other church organisation.

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship, has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church, or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship, or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

Address

The family's main address at the time of application, except where the child spends time at two family homes, the residence will be taken to be the one at which he/she permanently spends three school nights, i.e. Sunday to Thursday.

G. Guidelines for a Minister's or other Religious Leader's verification

Only applications on denominational grounds must be supported by a supplementary form completed by the parent(s). The school will seek verification from the minister or religious leader identified on the form the extent of the applicant's involvement in church life (as above). Special arrangements will be made to verify denominational applications for students recently arrived in the area. The academy must receive supplementary forms to support applications within the specified Nottinghamshire County Council timeframe for closing date of applications in to secondary education. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the minister or religious leader named on the form has provided the Academy with verification.

¹ Under the terms of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. See Section 46 (adoption orders).

² Under the terms of the Children Act 1989. See Section 8 which defines a 'residence order' as an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live.

³ See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).