The King's Academy

Admissions and Appeals Policy 2027/28

Last review: January 2026
Next review: October 2026 (for 2028 admissions, to include a full consultation)

The King's Academy Admission Arrangements

The Academy operates alongside Middlesbrough Local Authority and the National Guidelines on Admissions and Appeals. Places are offered to prospective Year 7 students at the same time as places are allocated within all other Middlesbrough schools. An application deadline is in place of 31 October for students then in Year 6, for their admission to Year 7 of The King's Academy the following September. This is coordinated with the Academy and the Local Authority but all queries and appeals are handled by The King's Academy directly.

For admissions from 1 Sept 2027, The King's Academy is making provision for admission of 240 students into Year 7. The following over-subscription criteria will be applied for admissions for 1 September 2027 if The King's Academy is over subscribed.

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) who are Deaf or Hearing Impaired, Visually Impaired as part of the Additionally Resourced Provision and Higher Learning Needs pupils as part of the SEND Unit [1], the remaining available places will be allocated in the following order priority:

1. Looked after children (LAC) and all previously looked after children (PLAC), including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted ("internationally adopted previously looked after children", IAPLAC).

2. Those who have a sibling[2] who will be on the Academy roll in the September of the proposed entry.

3. Children of staff employed by the school where the member of staff has been employed by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

4. For up to 10% of the Academy's intake, for students identified on the basis of aptitude for modern foreign languages.

5. Those living permanently in the Admission Zone[3] who express a preference.

6. Those children who are eligible to receive the 'service premium' under section 14 of the Education Act 2002 for the purposes of supporting the pastoral needs of the children of Armed Services personnel.

7. Pupils who reside closest to the school as determined by a straight line distance measurement; from the address point for the child's home to the identified main school gate, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

8. In the situation where two children remain 'tied' after the application of the above over-subscription criteria, the offer will be made by random allocation by drawing names from a hat.

When distinguishing between children within the same criteria the child with the highest next criteria will be admitted, e.g. where there are two children with siblings attending the Academy in the September of admission, the child who lives closest to the Academy will receive a higher priority.

Notes

[1] Detailed information will be made available on request.

[2] A sibling is defined as a brother, half-brother, step-brother, sister, half-sister or step-sister who lives permanently in the same home (i.e. address at which the family is registered for child benefit; proof of address may be required). The sibling must be a student already attending the Academy in Years 8 to 11 or in Year 13 on 1 September in the year of prospective admission of the applicant. The sibling may alternatively be a student whose application to join the sixth form in Year 12 has been conditionally accepted by the Academy.

[3] The Admission Zone can be found on the Academy's website. If you are unsure, please contact the Admissions Officer, at The King's Academy on 01642 577577

Arrangements for Appeals Panels

If a place cannot be allocated at The King's Academy, there is an opportunity to make an appeal to an independent Appeals Committee which will be set up in accordance with the Admissions Code of Practice and is empowered to make a final decision on the matter. Parents have the opportunity to put their own case to the Appeals Committee, if they so wish. Full details of how to make an appeal will be sent to the applicant should the Local Authority be unable to meet a preference for a place at The King's Academy.

The deadline for submitting admissions appeals for Year 6 for September 2027 entry is **13 April 2027**.

Appeals will be heard by an independent appeals panel during May/ June 2027.

Waiting Lists

Waiting lists will be maintained by the Local Authority for those unsuccessful in gaining a place at their preferred school for admissions to Year 7 in September 2027. The waiting lists will be maintained until 31 December 2027. If places become available, they will be allocated according to the schools' over-subscription criteria.

Arrangements for In-Year Admissions during 2027/28 academic year

If you wish to apply for a place at The King's Academy during an academic year you must apply through Middlesbrough Council's School Admissions Team. Information can be found on Middlesbrough Council's website:

https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions

The Admissions Team will coordinate the application process with the Academy and will inform the applicant of the outcome of the admissions application.

Where an appropriate application is received and the Academy has a space in the relevant year group, the Academy will seek to admit the pupil in accordance with the School Admissions Code, unless, for example, the application is judged to be subject to the Local Authority's Fair Access Protocol. The Published Admissions Number (PAN) for each year group in the Academy in the 2027/28 academic year is as follows:

Year 7: 240
Year 8: 245
Year 9: 250
Year 10: 270
Year 11: 270

Where multiple in-year applications are received and the Academy does not have sufficient places available for each applicant, the applications will be assessed in line with the oversubscription criteria above. Places will be offered to the highest ranked application(s) until the Academy reaches its Published Admissions Number for the relevant year group.

In the event that an application is refused by the Academy, the applicant has the right to appeal this decision. Full details of how to make an appeal will be sent to the applicant should the Local Authority be unable to meet a preference for a place at The King's Academy.

Secretary of State Direction

The Secretary of State may direct The King's Academy to admit a named student on application from the LA. The Secretary of State shall in such circumstances consult The King's Academy before making such a direction and have regard to its comments.