

# The King's Academy



## Admissions and Appeals Policy



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## 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 2022, The King's Academy will admit 240 students into Year 7. The following over-subscription criteria will be applied for admissions from September 2022 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 <sup>[1]</sup>, the remaining available places will be allocated in the following order priority:

1. 'Children looked after' (in public care) (LAC) and children previously 'looked after' (PLAC) but ceased to be so because they became adopted or became subject to a residence or special guardianship order immediately following having been looked after.
2. Those who have a sibling<sup>[2]</sup> 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<sup>[3]</sup> 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. Those children who reside closest to the Academy boundary, measured in a straight line. That line to be taken from the front door of the child's home to the main entrance of the Academy.

When distinguishing between children within the same criteria the child with the highest next criteria will be admitted, i.e two children with siblings attending the Academy in the September of Admission, the child who lives closest to the Academy will be admitted.

### Notes

<sup>[1]</sup> Detailed information will be made available on request.

<sup>[2]</sup> 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.

<sup>[3]</sup> 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

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.

If the parents are not successful in gaining a place at The King's Academy they have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel.

### **Arrangements for Appeals Panels**

If a place cannot be allocated for your child 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 you, should the Local Authority be unable to meet your preference for a place at The King's Academy.

Deadline for submitting admissions appeals – 31 March 2022

Appeals heard by independent appeals panel – May/June 2022