



The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form

Admissions Policy 2022-23

The admission authority, The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form, works closely with nine link primary schools on the transition from Year 6 to Year 7. These are; Bunny Primary, Candleby Lane School, Cotgrave CofE Primary, Crossdale Primary, Keyworth Primary, Kinoulton Primary, Tollerton Primary, Willoughby Primary and Willow Brook Primary.

Students from other primary schools may be successful in gaining a place at South Wolds; the Academy will work closely with Families and schools to ensure a successful transition where this is the case.

Admission Number

The proposed admission number for September 2022 is 150.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where the number of applications for admission exceeds the number of places available the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which students to admit once places have first been allocated to those who have an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the Academy.

1. Children who are looked after, or who have been previously looked after, by the Local Authority.
2. Children who, at the closing date for admissions (October 31st), attend one of the nine link primary schools listed in the opening paragraph. Under this criterion, priority will be given first to children who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending the Academy in years 7 to 13 and then all other children.
3. Other children who live in the catchment area on the closing date for applications. Under this criterion, priority will be given first to children who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending the Academy in years 7 to 13 and then all other children. For information regarding the catchment area of the Academy please see the website or alternatively a printed copy can be obtained from the School, Office.
4. Children who, at the closing date for admissions (October 31st) attend one of the 4 link primary schools for The West Bridgford School: Greythorn Primary, Heymann Primary, Jesse Gray Primary and West Bridgford Juniors. Under this Criterion, priority will be given first to children who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending the Academy in years 7 to 13 and then all other children.
5. Other children who will have a brother or sister attending the Academy in years 7 to 13.
6. Other children.

If applications exceed the number of places available the Academy will operate a waiting list in which priority for places will be given on the basis of the above criteria. In the event of over subscription in any of the criteria those living nearer to the Academy will be given priority. Proximity to the Academy will be measured 'as the crow flies' from the home address to the Main Reception of the Academy. In the event that two or more distances are exactly the same then the Academy will use random allocation by lot, drawn by somebody independent of the Academy.

How to make an application for Years 7-11

For admissions into Year 7 at the start of the school year, the Local Authority will co-ordinate the application process and all applicants must use the Local Authority's application form which can be found [here](#), or by using the following website: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions.

The Local Authority co-ordinates this application process on behalf of the Academy.

The Local Authority will publish the deadline for the applications for September 2022. The national closing date for applications in the normal admission round is October 31st 2021 for all applications to join Year 7 in September 2022. Applications in the normal admission round must be made to the home Local Authority where the child lives.

For other in-year admissions in Years 7 to 11, application should be made directly to the Academy. Details of how to apply are published on the Academy website.

The Academy participates in the Fair Access Protocol.

The right to withdraw an offer

The Academy has the right to withdraw the offer of a place if any of the information given on the application is found to be inaccurate. This would include fraudulent applications, applications found to be intentionally misleading and false claims to residence in the catchment area.

Admission to the Sixth Form

The capacity for Year 12 is 150 with the admission number for external candidates is a minimum of 30. Applications are made directly to the Sixth Form; details of how to apply are included on the Academy website.

Students will be accepted on to Post 16 courses if they achieve a minimum of two grade '6' and four grade '5' passes at GCSE level. The sixth form prospectus published in September 2021 will identify any specific requirements for individual subjects.

Subjects studied: a student who has qualified for admission into Year 12, as above, will be offered a choice of the combination of courses offered at the discretion of the Academy. This is dependent on the following:

- The course(s) required is/are on offer;
- Group sizes are deemed to be viable. In the event that a subject or course does not attract sufficient applicants it may not run;
- There are sufficient places in the classes provided for each subject.

Where the number of external applications for admissions exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied.

1. Children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the Academy as provider
2. Students who are looked after, or have previously been looked after, by the Local Authority and who meet the entry requirements
3. All other external applicants
4. In the event of an over-subscription in any of the criteria, those living nearer to the Academy will be given priority. Proximity to the Academy will be measured 'as the crow flies' from the home address to the Main Reception of the Academy. In the event that two or more distances are exactly the same then the Academy will use random allocation by lot, drawn by somebody independent of the Academy.

Definitions

Terms used in this Policy which have a specific meaning are:

'Looked after' A child who is looked after 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' A child was looked after (as above), but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a Child Arrangements Order or Special Guardianship Order). This includes a child adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 or under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

Note: 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).

'Parent' Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines 'parent' to include; all natural parents whether they are married or not; any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person; and any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person. Having parental responsibility means assuming all the rights, duties, powers, responsibilities and authority that a parent of a child has by law. People other than a child's natural parent can acquire parental responsibility.

'Brother or sister' For schools admissions, 'brother or sister' includes half-brother or half-sister or legally adopted child living at the same address as the child. It also includes a child looked after by a Local Authority placed in a foster family with other school aged children or young people. It also includes step children or children who are not related but live as a family unit, where parents both live at the same address as the child. Where one child of a multiple birth can be admitted, the other children of that birth will also be admitted.

'Home address' The child's permanent place of residence which is deemed to be the residential property at which the child normally and habitually resides with the person/persons having parental responsibility for the child at the time of completion of the application form. Proof of permanent residence and evidence regarding parental responsibility may be required. If parents live at separate addresses, whichever of the two addresses the child spends at least three school nights permanently (i.e. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) will be classed as their home address. An address of other relatives or friends will not be considered as the child's home address even when the child stays there for all or part of the week.

Further Details:

Late Applications

Late applications are those submitted after the closing date for the Local Authority's co-ordinated admissions scheme and will be dealt with in accordance with that scheme. Late applications will be considered up to the date specified in the co-ordinated scheme providing the applicant can produce evidence that they have moved into the area after the closing date for applications or can establish at the time of completing the form that there were exceptional reasons for missing the closing date. Examples include family bereavement or hospitalisation. Supporting evidence may be required.

Waiting List

If, after the offer of Year 7 places has been made, the Academy is over-subscribed, all unsuccessful applications will be put onto the waiting list, which is administered by the Local Governing Body of the Academy in partnership with the Local Authority, for the duration of the co-ordinated admissions scheme. Once the co-ordinated scheme is closed, the waiting list will remain open until 31st December and will be administered by the Local Governing Body. The waiting list will be ranked in line with the published over subscription criteria and not by the date that an applicant joins it. The Academy does not maintain a waiting list for in-year admissions.

Independent Appeals

Parents have the right to an independent appeals panel if they are not happy with the outcome of their child's application. Any repeat applications for the same academic year will not be considered unless there is a significant and material change in circumstances. Parents wishing to appeal should write to the Clerk to the Governors, at the usual Academy address, within 20 school days of notification. Appeals will be held in line with the protocols and timelines in the School Admissions Appeal Code.

Applications for children outside their normal age group

Parents may seek a place for a child outside the child's normal age group. If this is the case then a letter should be written to the Head Teacher setting out the reason for the request. This will then be processed in line with paragraph 2.17 (A and B) of the Schools' Admissions Code.

Measuring distance 'as the crow flies'

For applications in the normal year of entry which are managed under the co-ordinated admissions scheme, distance is measured using the Nottinghamshire County Council software computerised measuring system and the Local Governing Body use this information to rank order applications.

For applications outside the normal year of entry or for those applications held on the waiting list, the Local Governing Body use Microsoft AutoRoute to measure distance.