

Alderman White School Student Admissions Arrangements 2017-2018

Alderman White School is a member of The White Hills Park Federation Trust. The School follows the standard admissions criteria used by Nottinghamshire Schools. This is outlined below and can also be found on the Nottinghamshire County Council website.

Standard admission Criteria for Year 7

Along with most Nottinghamshire community and voluntary controlled schools we use the standard admission oversubscription criteria detailed below.

Special consideration for all year groups

Special consideration may be given to applications that are supported by written evidence from a doctor, social worker or other relevant professional giving reasons why the school is the **only** school which could cater for the child's particular needs. This might include medical needs, mobility support needs, special educational needs or other social circumstances. The evidence must be presented at the time of application. The Directors will consider the written evidence provided to decide whether the application may be processed as special circumstances. Admission under special circumstances will have priority over all but the first numbered criterion. Children of nomadic travelers will be allocated a place at their catchment area school.

The White Hills Park Federation Trust have adopted the Local Authorities stance on Fair Access Protocols.

Local Authorities are required to have Fair Access Protocols in order to make sure that unplaced children who live in the home local authority, especially the most vulnerable, are offered a place at a suitable school as quickly as possible. This includes admitting children above the published admissions number to schools that are already full'.

In the event of oversubscription, the following criteria will be applied, in priority order, to decide which applications will be granted once places have been allocated to pupils who have a statement of special educational needs which names the school:

1. Children who are looked after or previously looked after.
2. Children who live in the catchment area and who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending the school.
3. Other children who live in the catchment area.
4. Children who live outside the catchment area but who are attending a linked primary phase school on the closing date for applications preceding admission to secondary school, and who will have a brother or sister attending the preferred secondary school at the time of admission.

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6. Children who live outside the catchment area but who are attending a linked primary phase school on the closing date for applications preceding admission to secondary school.
7. Other children who live outside the catchment area. Attending school is taken to be on roll at a school for the purposes of admissions.

In the event of oversubscription, within any criterion, preference will be given to children who live nearest to the school as the crow flies. Distances are measured from the entrance to the child's home to the principal entrance of the main administrative building of the school, using the County Council's distance measuring software.

How do I appeal?

You have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel if you are not happy with the outcome of your application. If you wish to appeal, you should telephone Karen Sims, Clerk to the Governors on 0115 9078111.

Waiting lists

Waiting lists are held where the number of applications received is greater than the number of available places in the intake year group. The order of places on a waiting list is decided by the admission oversubscription criteria for the school. No reference will be made to the date we receive your application or whether you have chosen to appeal. Your position on a waiting list may change. If any late applications have a higher priority within the admission oversubscription criteria, they will be placed higher than those who have been on the list for some time. If your child is offered a place at a higher preferred school, their name will be removed from any waiting lists for lower preferences.

The White Hills Park Federation Trust will notify the LA when to write to offer a place to the applicant at the top of the waiting list if the number of allocated places falls below the published admission number for the school. Children's names will only be added to a school's waiting list if they are refused a place.

In-year Admissions

The White Hills Park Federation Trust participates in Nottinghamshire County Council's in-year coordinated scheme.

Home Address

The child's place of residence is taken to be the parental home, other than in the case of children fostered by a local authority, where either the parental address or the foster parent(s) address may be used. Where a child spends part of the week in different homes, their place of residence will be taken to be their parent or parents' address. If a child's parents live at separate addresses, the address where the child permanently spends at least three 'school' nights (i.e. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday) will be taken to be the place of residence. Addresses of other relatives or friends will not be considered as the place of residence, even if the child stays there for all or part of the week. Evidence that a child's place of residence is permanent may also be sought.

The evidence should prove that a child lived at the address at the time of the application and will continue to live there after the time of admission.

Informal arrangements between parents will not be taken into consideration. The Directors may also seek proof of residence from the courts regarding parental responsibilities in this matter.

In all cases all those with parental responsibility must be in agreement with the preferences made.

in the event of two distances being equal, lots will be drawn and independently verified.

Looked after children or previously looked after children

The revised School Admissions Code 2012, Section 1, 1.7, has expanded on who should be given priority in admission arrangements with regards to looked after children and children who were previously looked after.

A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order 1. 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 (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989)

1. An adoption order is an order under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. A 'residence order' is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under section 8 of the Children Act 1989. 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)

Admission authorities must give highest priority to children in care in their admission oversubscription criteria.

Parents

- The mother of the 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.

Siblings (brothers or sisters)

- A brother or sister who shares the same parents.
- A half-brother, half-sister or legally adopted child living at the same address.
- A child looked after by a local authority placed in a foster family with other school age children.
- A stepchild or children who are not related but live as a family unit, where parents both live at the same address as the child.

Multiple births

Where one child of a multiple birth can be admitted, the other child/children will also be admitted.

Nomadic Travellers

Highly Mobile Gypsy, Roma and Traveller children and young people who are temporarily resident in Nottinghamshire, for example, staying on a temporary roadside encampment, or in the County as part of a travelling fairground or circus.

The Federation works with the LA for in year applications. Applications should be made through Nottinghamshire County Council.

The PAN for Alderman White School is 233.

Standard admission criteria for Year 12

General entry requirements

There are no entry requirements to join Alderman White Post 16 facility (Bramcote College). However, for study at Level 3 (A level and its equivalents), at least a minimum of 5 GCSEs of grade C or above is required.

Additional entry requirements

Some subjects have additional entry requirements.

- Students will have achieved at least grade C at GCSE in any subject they intend to study at A Level. Students may be able to study an A Level subject they did not take at GCSE, if they meet other entry criteria.
- Students studying English Literature and / or Government & Politics will have achieved at least a grade C in English GCSE.
- Students studying French, German or Spanish will have achieved at least a grade C in the higher paper.
- Students studying Mathematics at advanced level will have achieved at least grade B on the higher paper for Mathematics GCSE.
- Students studying Biology at advanced level will have achieved at least grade AA for dual award Science GCSE or at least a grade B on the higher paper for Biology GCSE.
- Students studying Physics at advanced level will have achieved at least grade AA for dual award Science GCSE or at least a grade B on the higher paper for Physics GCSE. In addition, students will have achieved at least grade B on the higher paper for GCSE Mathematics.
- Students studying Chemistry at advanced level will have achieved at least grade AA for dual award Science GCSE or at least a grade B on the higher paper for Chemistry GCSE. In addition, students will have achieved at least grade B on the higher paper for GCSE Mathematics.
- Students studying Psychology will have achieved no fewer than three B grades in examined GCSE subjects.

A maximum of 60 places are offered to students entering the Federation in Year 12. In the event of over-subscription, the criteria for admission into Year 7 will apply to admission into Year 12. In the event of oversubscription, within any criterion, preference will be given to children who live nearest to the school as the crow flies. Distances are measured from the entrance to the child's home to the principal entrance of the main administrative building of the school, using the County Council's distance measuring software.

The appeal system and waiting list will also apply.

Bramcote College is able to accommodate 300 post 16 students. The external number of students that can be admitted to Bramcote College is a formula of the PAN less the number of students coming from Federation schools.