



## **National Offer Day Atypical school (13-19) – September 2020**

### **Outcomes**

- **Place offered** - your child has been offered a place for September 2020. The allocated school will contact you with further information about your child's transition from to the school.
- **Not offered** - there were more applications than places available and other children had higher priority within the admission oversubscription criteria.

***Note: if your child has been offered a place at a school that you put higher on your application, any lower preferences have been withdrawn through the coordinated scheme.***

### **You need to accept the place offered by 16 March 2020**

Some admission authorities may withdraw the offered place if a parent fails to inform the County Council of their acceptance of the offer within 14 days.

We therefore recommend that you always accept the offer of a school place, **this will not affect your right to appeal against any school where your child has been refused.**

If you applied online you **should accept the place online [here](#)**

You will need your user name and password to access the system to accept the school place.

If you have [forgotten your password](#) you can reset it online.

**Rejections of school places will not be processed, unless you can confirm that a place has been secured at an alternative school.**

### **Waiting lists**

The County Council will maintain a waiting list in partnership with own admission authorities until 31 December 2020.

Your child's name will only be placed on a waiting list if they have been refused a place at a school which you put higher on your application than the school where the place has been offered.

Waiting lists are held in admission oversubscription criteria order and priority is not given to the date an application was received. This means that your child's position on a waiting list may change.

**Remember that being on a waiting list does not mean that a place will eventually become available.**

To enquire about your child's position on a waiting list you should contact each individual admission authority directly for this information.

If your child can be offered a place at a higher preferred school, their name will be removed from the waiting lists for any lower preferences.

If you currently have other applications pending for the school that has been offered, please contact the admission authority to confirm whether there is now a sibling link which could give higher priority within the admission oversubscription criteria.

**Remember** if your child currently attends a secondary school, they should continue to attend that school until a place becomes available at your preferred school.

## Right of appeal

If you have been refused a place at your preferred school you have the right to appeal against the decision. If you do wish to appeal you will need to set out the grounds in writing. Admission authorities publish appeals timelines on their websites, but any appeals submitted after the deadline must still be heard.

Academies, foundation schools, free schools and voluntary aided schools are responsible for arranging their own appeals, so please contact the school directly to find out how to appeal.

## Late applications and changes of preference

Any changes of preference (whether you are adding a new preference or changing the order of your preferences) will be considered late.

Late applications will start to be processed from Tuesday 17 March 2020 and all applicants will be notified by a letter, posted second class. Outcomes will be sent on a weekly basis from week beginning 23 March 2020.

Changes to an application can only be made by the original applicant. If you wish to make any late changes to preference you should contact the school admissions team for further advice. Please telephone 0300 500 80 80 during office hours.

## Home address/moving house

If you are on a waiting list, it is your responsibility to let us know, in writing, if you move house. This is very important as it may affect how your application is considered against the school's admission oversubscription criteria.

You may be required to provide evidence of your new address to verify that your child is resident at the new property. It is important that we receive this information as soon as possible after you have moved to ensure that your application can be processed correctly.

We will investigate any applications where there are doubts about the information provided and we undertake random checks to verify that information provided by parents is genuine. If we receive an application where the address is proven to be fraudulent, any offer based on that address may be withdrawn.

## Free school meals

If your child qualifies for free school meals, you should contact the relevant local authority before September 2020 to apply for free school meals at the new school. These will not automatically continue.

Information about qualifying benefits is available from the relevant local authority.

### General contact information

**Phone:** 0300 500 80 80

**Monday to Friday:** 8am to 6pm

(Calls cost no more than calls to standard geographic numbers (01 or 02) and will also be included in inclusive minutes and discount schemes.)

**Email:** [enquiries@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@nottscc.gov.uk)

**Website:** [nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions)

**Minicom:** 01623 434993

**Phone** 0300 500 80 80 if you need the information in a different language or format.

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