



COLONEL FRANK SEELY ACADEMY ADMISSIONS POLICY:

2021 - 2022

The proposed admission number for Year 7 in September 2021 is 180.

Students who have a Statement of Special Educational Need or Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) where this school is named in the Plan will be admitted.

Over-Subscription

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 children to admit:

1. Children looked after by a local authority and previously looked after children
2. Children who live in the catchment area at the closing date for applications 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 at the closing date for applications
4. Children who live outside the catchment area but who are attending a linked primary phase school (Bleasby CE Primary, Lambley Primary, Lowdham CE Primary, Sir John Sherbrooke Junior, St Wilfrid's CE Primary, Woodborough Woods CE Foundation Primary) on the closing date for applications and who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending the preferred secondary school
5. Children who live outside the catchment area and who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending the preferred secondary school
6. Children who live outside the catchment area but who are attending a linked primary phase school (Bleasby CE Primary, Lambley Primary, Lowdham CE Primary, Sir John Sherbrooke Junior, St Wilfrid's CE Primary, Woodborough Woods CE Foundation Primary) on the closing date for applications
7. Other children

If applications exceed the number of places available, the school will operate a waiting list in which priority for places will be given on the basis of the above criteria.

Measuring distance 'as the crow flies'

In the event of over-subscription within any criterion preference will be given to children who live nearest to the school as the crow flies. Within each of the criteria, priority will be given to



children who live nearest to the school as the crow flies (by straight line). Distances are measured from the main administrative point at the school campus to an address point (using eastings and northings as defined by Ordnance Survey) to the child's home using the Local Authority's computerised distance measuring software. In the event of two distances being equal, lots will be drawn and independently verified.

In-Year Admissions

In year applications need to be made directly to the school. Application forms are available. If a place is not available in the year group for which a student applies, the application will be refused and placed on the waiting list. Names are placed on this waiting list in the rank order of our published over-subscription criteria, not in the date order by which they are received. Parents have the right of appeal to the refusal for a place. If, after the offer of places has been made up to the PAN, the school is over-subscribed, and all unsuccessful applications will automatically be placed on the waiting list which will be administrated by the governors of the school in partnership with the Local Authority for the duration of the co-ordinated admission scheme.

Late applications

Late applications are those submitted after the closing date for the co-ordinated admissions scheme and will be dealt with in accordance with that scheme.

Late applications will be considered as specified in the coordinated scheme providing the applicant can provide 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 of exceptional reasons include family bereavement, hospitalisation, family trauma. Supporting evidence may be required. The closing date for exceptional applications is 30 November 2020.

When the school is informed by the Local Authority that a place has been offered, it will write to the parent(s) seeking written confirmation that they will take up the place. If this confirmation is not received within four weeks, the school will notify the Local Authority that the offer of a place should be withdrawn and offered to the child ranked highest on the waiting list.

Waiting list

If, after the offer of places has been made up to the PAN, the school is over-subscribed, all unsuccessful applications will be placed on the waiting list which will be administered by the governors of the school in partnership with the Local Authority for the duration of the co-



ordinated admissions scheme. The position on this waiting list will be determined by the school's published over-subscription criteria. Once the coordinated scheme is closed, the waiting list will remain open until 31 December.

Independent Appeals

Parents have the right to an independent appeals panel if you are not happy with the outcome of your application. Repeat applications in the same academic year will not be considered unless there is a significant and material change in circumstances. The deadline for lodging appeals allows appellants at least 20 school days from the date of notification that an application was unsuccessful to prepare and lodge your written appeal. Please address this to the Admission Officer and submit to the school.

Coordinated admission scheme

All applications for places in the normal year of entry are made to the home local authority on the common application. For entrance to the school in September the closing date of the coordinated admission scheme is 31 October preceding admission to secondary school. Places are allocated on National Offer Day: 1 March 2021.

Admission to the Sixth Form including admission number for those admitted for the first time

Our PAN for the number of external students that can be admitted into Year 12 is 10. 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 children to admit:

1. Children looked after by a local authority and previously looked after children
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 and who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending the school.
5. Children who live outside the catchment area

Exact entry requirements may vary from course to course. Details are available in the sixth form prospectus for individual schools.

To be accepted on to Level 3 courses pupils will need five or more GCSE passes at Grade 4-9, one of which should be in English or Maths. Applications are handled in the same way as other



applications outside the normal year of entry. Any applicant refused entry can appeal against the decision. Should over subscription criteria be required, they will be as for year 7.

Withdrawing an offer of a place

Any offers of a place found to be made on the basis of inaccurate information can be withdrawn. Such examples would include fraudulent applications, intentionally misleading applications, a false claim to residence in the catchment area and the failure of a parent to respond to an offer of a place within a reasonable amount of time.

Admission of children outside the normal age group

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of the normal age group (this includes pupils moving from primary to secondary school (accelerated or delayed transition) for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. Parents can apply for this in advance of normal transition.

Parents should submit a request in writing to Colonel Frank Seely Academy. Decisions will be made based on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. When informing a parent of the decision on the year group to which the child should be admitted, the parent will be notified of the reasons for the decision.

Fair Access Protocol

The academy, as all admissions authorities are obliged to, participates in the local Fair Access Protocol.

Definitions:

Residence

This is defined as the child's ordinary place of residence which is deemed to be the residential property at which the child normally and habitually resides with the person or persons having parental responsibility for the child at the time of completion of the application form. If a child's parents live at separate addresses, whichever of the two addresses the child permanently spends at least three school nights (ie Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday) will be taken as the place of residence. Addresses of other relatives or friends will not be considered as the place of residence even when the child stays there for all or part of the week. Proof of residence and other evidence from the court regarding parental responsibilities in these matters may be required.



Looked after Children and previously looked after children

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 in accordance with section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 at the time of making an application to a school.

Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order). This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 and children who were adopted under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

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).

Brother or sister

The governors define brother and sister as:-

- brothers and/or sisters who share the same parent(s)
- 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.

Where applications are received in respect of twins, triplets or children of other multiple births, the Governing Body will endeavour to offer places in the same school, admitting above the planned admission number where necessary. If this is not possible, the parent will be asked which child(ren) should take up the place(s). The parent will still have a right of appeal against a refusal of a place.

Parent



Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines 'parent' to include; all natural parents, whether they are married or not; and 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 a 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.

Catchment area

Details of the school's defined catchment area can be viewed on the Local Authority's website: <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/search-for-a-school#catchments>

