



Quarrydale Academy

ADMISSION POLICY 2025/2026

Quarrydale is an Academy.

The admission number (PAN) for Year 7 for September 2025 is 240.

Admission oversubscription criteria

Children for whom Quarrydale Academy is the named Academy in an education health and care plan (EHCP), will be offered a place at the Academy. The Governing Body of the Academy cannot guarantee a place at the Academy for any other category of application.

Where the number of applicants 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 Highest priority will be given to looked after children and all previously looked after children who apply for a place at the academy. The 2021 Code requires children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted to be given equal first priority in admission arrangements, alongside looked after children (LAC) and children who were previously looked after by English local authorities (PLAC). This advice refers to these children as internationally adopted previously looked after children – “IAPLAC”
- 2 Children who live in the catchment area and who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending the Academy.
- 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 (see list at the end) on the closing date for secondary applications (31 October) and who will have a brother or sister at Quarrydale Academy at the time of admission.
- 5 Children who live outside the catchment area and who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending Quarrydale Academy.
- 6 Children who live outside the catchment area but who are attending a linked primary phase school on the closing date for secondary applications (31 October).

- 7 Children of staff who work for Quarrydale Academy in either of the following circumstances:
 - a. The member of staff has been employed by the Academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, or
 - b. the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- 8 Other children who live outside the catchment area.

In the event of over-subscription with any criterion, preference will be given to children who live nearest to the Academy as the crow flies. 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.

The following groups of children will be given special consideration:

Children whose particular medical needs mobility support needs, S.E.N.D or social circumstances are supported by written evidence from a doctor, social worker or other relevant professional, stating that the only school/Academy which could cater for the child's particular needs. The evidence must be presented at the time of application.

The Governing Body and Headteacher will consider each case on its merits and determine the allocation of any such place based on the written evidence. Admissions under 'special circumstances' will take precedence over all but the first of the numbered criteria.

Note: 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 numbered criteria.

The child's place on the waiting list may go up or down depending on whether places become available or if late or mid-term applications are received. The Trustees (Governors) of the Academy, in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council, will administer the waiting list for the duration of the co-ordinated admissions scheme. Once the co-ordinated scheme is closed, the waiting list will remain open but will be administered by the Trustees of the Academy until the end of the academic year. **All applications for places in the normal year of entry are made to the Home Local Authority.**

In-Year Admissions

The Academy will manage all in year applications. The Governing Body set and apply their own admission arrangements and oversubscription criteria. The Academy will notify the Home Local Authority when required to do so with current numbers on roll. Parents will be required to confirm their acceptance of a place to the Academy within 14 days. All applications received in mid-term will be dealt with in accordance with the above criteria.

In the event of a place being available in the appropriate year group then that will be offered by Trustees. If the Academy is oversubscribed, the application will be refused and parents/carers will receive notification of the outcome within 10 school days in writing and the home local authority will be informed within 2 days of the advised outcome of the application.

If there are no spaces available at the time of your application, your child's name will be added to a waiting list for the relevant year group at the academy. When a space becomes available it will be filled by one of the pupils on the waiting list in accordance with our oversubscription criteria. Priority will not be given to children on the basis of how long they have been on the waiting list.

For all refused applications, parents/carers have the right of appeal. The deadline for submitting an appeal to Quarrydale Academy is 20 school days from the date of notification that the application was unsuccessful.

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health, would need to do so by applying in writing to the Academy's Governing Body. The Academy will make decisions based on the specific circumstances of each case, which are in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking into account parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group and the views of the Headteacher. When informing a parent of their decision on the year group the child should be admitted to, the academy will clearly state the reasons for their decision.

Late Applications

Late applications are those submitted after the closing date for the co-ordinated admissions scheme and will be dealt in accordance with that scheme. Late applications will be considered up to the date specified in the co-ordinated 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 include: family bereavement; hospitalisation; family trauma. Supporting evidence may be required.

When the Academy is informed by Nottinghamshire County Council 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 Academy will notify Nottinghamshire County Council 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 the Academy is oversubscribed, all unsuccessful applications will be placed on the waiting list which will be administered by the Trustees of the Academy in partnership with the Home Local Authority for the duration of the co-ordinated admissions scheme. The position on the waiting list will

be determined solely by the Academy's published over-subscription criteria. Once the co-ordinated scheme is closed, the waiting list will remain open but will be administered by the Trustees of the Academy until the end of the Summer term in the year of entry and applications will be ranked against the over subscription criteria in the order set out above. After the end of the school year, parents have the right to apply again for a place in the next school year.

Independent Appeals

Parents have the right to an independent appeals panel if they are not happy with the outcome of their application. Repeat applications in the same academic year will not be considered unless there is a significant and material change in circumstances. Appeals should be addressed to the Admissions Officer c/o the Academy within 20 school days from the date of notification that the application was unsuccessful.

Co-ordinated Admission Scheme

All applications for places in the normal year of entry are made to the Home Local Authority. For entrance to the Academy in September, the closing date of the co-ordinated admission scheme is 31 October preceding admission to secondary school. Decisions are communicated to parents by the home local authority on the national offer day, 1 March or the next working day.

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

Sixth Form PAN (published admission number) is 10.

Students on roll in Year 11, who meet the academic entry requirements can progress into Year 12 if they wish to do so. To enter Quarrydale Academy 6th form students must have achieved the specific entry requirements for each subject they wish to study. These requirements are published on the Quarrydale Academy website.

The Academy does not currently actively recruit into its Sixth Form. 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.

In the event of there being more applicants than places available, the Sixth Form will admit a student with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) if the Plan names Quarrydale Academy, before any of the following criteria are applied:

- 1 Highest priority will be given to looked after students and all previously looked after students who apply for a place at the academy. The 2021 Code requires students who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted to be given equal first priority in admission arrangements, alongside looked after children (LAC) and children who were previously looked after by English local authorities (PLAC). This advice refers to these children as internationally adopted previously looked after children – "IAPLAC".

- 2 Pupils who live in the catchment area and who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending the Academy.
- 3 Other pupils who live in the catchment area.
- 4 Pupils who live outside the catchment area and who at the time of admission will have a brother or sister attending the Academy
- 5 Pupils who live outside the catchment area

In the event of over-subscription with any criterion, preference will be given to children who live nearest to the Academy as the crow flies. 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.

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 (10 school days).

Definitions:

Looked after 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).

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, which ever 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.

Brother and Sister

The Trustees define brother and sister as being those children who share the same biological parent(s). This includes half-brother or half-sister or legally adopted child living at the same address as the child.

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 obtained from the school or by visiting www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schoolcatchments.

Linked Primary Schools

St Andrews Primary School
Forest Glade Primary School
The Skegby Junior Academy
Dalestorth Primary School
Brierley Forest Primary School

Fair Access Protocol

The Academy participates in Nottinghamshire County Council's Fair Access Protocol.