

Kedington Primary Academy

Admissions Arrangements for September 2021

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| Date approved | 2nd March, 2020 |
| Signed |  (Chair of the Primary Trust Admissions Committee) |
| Date of next review | Admissions arrangements are examined each Autumn for the intake due 2 years after |

Introductory statement

Kedington Primary Academy is a one-form entry primary school.

Admission number

The Academy has a Published Admission Number of 30 for entry in Reception.

The Academy will accordingly admit this number of pupils to Reception each year if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number for the Reception year are received, the Academy Trust will offer places at the Academy to all those who have applied.

Oversubscription criteria

When the Academy is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan naming the Academy, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked after children (children in care) and previously looked after children (children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a special guardianship order or Child Arrangements Order immediately following having been looked after)¹
2. Children whose permanent home address is in the catchment area and have a sibling currently attending the Academy where that sibling will still be in attendance at the proposed time of admission of the applicant child.
3. Children whose ordinarily resident address is in the catchment area.
4. Children who live outside the catchment area who have a sibling currently attending the Academy where that sibling will still be in attendance at the proposed time of admission of the applicant.
5. Other children.

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).

Tie-break

Distance tie-breaker

Under each of the oversubscription criteria above if there are more children applying than places available, places will be allocated in order according to the distance between the Academy and the child's ordinarily resident address, with those living nearest being admitted first. We will measure the distance by a straight line ('as the crow flies'). All straight-line distances are calculated electronically by Suffolk County Council using data provided jointly by the Post Office and Ordnance Survey. The data plots the co-ordinates of each property and provides the address-point between which the straight-line distance is measured and reported to three decimal places. When there is more than one home within a single building (for example apartments) we will measure to a single point within that building irrespective of where those homes are located.

In the unlikely event that two applicants competing for a single place at the Academy live the same distance from the Academy, random allocation will be used. The random allocation process will be independently supervised.

Definitions of terms used

Sibling

Where the child has a sibling in the school or a sibling has already been offered a place at the school, and where the sibling will still be attending the school at the time of admission. The term 'sibling' includes: natural, half, step, and adopted brothers and sisters; a child of the partner of the parent/carer; and children who are fostered into the family. In all these cases, the child and their sibling will both be living at the same address (that is where the child is ordinarily resident) in a single family unit. This means that children from different family units, where those separate families are living together at the same address, are not considered siblings under this criterion.

Ordinarily resident address

Ordinarily resident: By ordinarily resident we mean the place where your child usually lives. We consider this to be where they sleep overnight. We may need proof of this address. If you use another address to give the impression that your child lives at a different address to where they are ordinarily resident, such as a second home or a grandparent's address, so that you have a higher priority for a place at that school; we consider this to be a fraudulent application. Where a child lives at two or more addresses, each for part of the week, the address at which the child is ordinarily resident will be considered to be the address that the child lives at for most of the week (excluding weekends and school holidays). Separate evidence in writing from each parent must be provided to confirm the child's living arrangements at the time of application.

In cases where the child spends an equal proportion of the school week at two or more different addresses, evidence of which is to be considered the main contact address will be required to support the application. Agreement in writing by the parents will be required to state which address is to be used as the ordinarily resident address. This address will then be used when processing all school preferences expressed. It is not acceptable to use one address for one school preference and another address for another school preference.

If we are aware of a parental dispute affecting the application, we may not be able to deal with the application and you may need to seek independent legal advice in order to resolve the matter.

Catchment area

This is the area the Academy serves. We cannot guarantee your child a place at their catchment area school.

- Catchment area maps are available online at: www.suffolk.gov.uk/catchmentmaps
- If you live near to a boundary line on the map please check your address against the catchment area

parish/village and street lists for towns at: www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

- If you would like a copy of the map or list sent to you, or you are unsure of your catchment area please call the Admissions Team on 0345 600 0981.

A catchment area map is also available from the Academy office.

Twins, triplets and other multiple births

If the final place available at the Academy is offered to a twin, triplet or other multiple birth and the remaining sibling/s would ordinarily be refused, we will offer places to the remaining sibling/s at the Academy. The law permits this even where this would mean that more than 30 pupils would be admitted to an infant class.

Applications for a place outside the normal age group

It is expected that children will normally be educated within their chronological year group. However, when requested to do so by a parent, we will make decisions on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned in line with the School Admissions Code (December 2014).

Parents or carers should make a request to the Headteacher in writing. This will need to include, where relevant, any supporting evidence. The Trust's Primary Admissions Committee will make a decision on the request, taking into account the views of the Headteacher. The Headteacher will write to the parent or carer with the outcome including the reasons for the decision. If the request is refused, details of how to complain to the Academy will be given. A CAF1 application form must be sent to the LA along with the decision letter(s) from the own admissions authority Academy and other relevant evidence by the national closing dates. Even if the request is agreed there is no guarantee there will be a place available.

Children normally attend school full-time in the reception year group in the September following their fourth birthday. All primary schools must offer children a full-time place at the start of the Autumn term in September. However, legally they don't have to start full-time education until the term after their fifth birthday. When you receive your offer of a place you will be asked whether you want your child to start school full-time, part-time, or whether you want them to start the term after their fifth birthday. If you choose to defer entry for your child they must start school before the end of the school year during which they turn five i.e. they must start school in the Reception year.

Late applications

All applications received by the Local Authority after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. Sometimes there are good reasons why an application is made after the closing date such as a family having just moved into the area. Applications such as this will be considered after those received on time, up until the date agreed in the Suffolk Admission Co-ordinated Scheme as long as the Local Authority are provided with written evidence at the same time and agree that exceptional reasons apply. If, following consideration of all applicants the Academy is oversubscribed, those children not gaining a place are automatically placed on a waiting list until the end of the first full week of the Spring Term.

Otherwise, if we get your application after the closing date, it will be considered after we have offered school places for the applications we received on time. This will be after the primary National Offer Day, 16 April or the next working day for a primary application. Please be aware it may be several weeks before you receive an offer of an Academy place. If all of the places have been offered already, the local authority will try to meet your second or third preference, or they will offer you a place at your catchment area school if a place is available. If there are no places available at your preferred schools or in your catchment area school they will offer you a place at the next nearest suitable school that has places available. This will take into

consideration the availability and cost of home to school travel. The Local Authority will use the admissions oversubscription criteria which can be found in the Directories of Schools in Suffolk.

Waiting lists

The Academy will operate a waiting list for each year group. Where in any year the Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the last day of the Summer Term. For the Reception year group, a child's name will automatically be added to the waiting list until 31 December of the intake year, it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application after 31 December for the Reception year and for any other year group. The Academy will contact parents to ascertain if they wish for their child to stay on the Reception year waiting list (beyond 31 December) by that date. Waiting lists will be maintained by the academy.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

Waiting lists will be re-ordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever a child joins or leaves the waiting list. If you change your address while your child is on a waiting list you must let us know. Please be aware that this may change your child's position on the waiting list. Written evidence of this will be required.

If a place becomes available, it will be offered to children on the waiting list for the Academy in priority order. Places are not offered on the basis of the date on which the names were placed on the list.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Appellants should contact the Education Appeals Office on 01473 264218 or 264219. There is further information at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions then select the Appeals panel on the left which will contain contact numbers, address and email contacts as well as appeal forms and the timescales by which you would need to make your appeal.

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