

Akroydon Primary Academy Admissions Policy and Oversubscription Criteria 2021



There are 30 places available from September 2021.

Applications for places at Akroydon Primary Academy (APA) should be made online from 19th November 2020 to 15th January 2021, in accordance with Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council's Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements.

Children in receipt of an Education, Health and Care plan (EHC) or Statement of Education Needs (SEN) that names APA as the appropriate school, will be admitted before any other children.

In the event of oversubscription, priority for admission will be determined using the following criteria:

1. (a) Children who are in public care – 'Looked After' (as defined by section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they became adopted or became subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order.
(b) Children who appear [to the admission authority of the academy] to have been in public care outside of England and ceased to be in public care as a result of being adopted.¹

¹ A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

2. Children whose siblings currently attend the academy and who will continue to do so on the date of admission.

("Sibling" is defined as a full or half brother or sister; a step brother or sister; an adoptive brother or sister; the children of parents living together in the same family household. The elder sibling must still be on roll at the academy when the younger child starts at the academy. Sibling applications will only be accepted for siblings of pupils in years Reception to Y5.

3. Children who attend either the nursery provision of APA from the start of the academic year prior to the reception intake.
4. Children of staff employed at the academy. 'Staff' for this purpose are defined as anyone employed by the academy who has held a permanent contract with the academy for at least two years prior to the application or to staff recently appointed to a post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
5. Other children.

If there is oversubscription in any category, pupils will be admitted in order of proximity to APA. Distance will be calculated using a straight-line measurement from the pupil's home to the main academy gate. Distances will be calculated using the local authority's Geographical Information System (GIS). To ensure consistency, all measurements will be carried out by the local authority's GIS system and no other method of measuring distance will be considered. Each property has a co-ordinate taken from Ordnance Survey address point data. This is the point from which distance measurements will be taken.

Random allocation (undertaken by the local authority or another body unconnected with APA) will be used as a tie-break to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the academy is equidistant in any individual case. However, if children of multiple birth (twins and triplets) are tied for the final place, those siblings will be admitted over PAN

The academy will operate a waiting list for pupils (for a full academic year).