

# Trinity Academy Akroydon

## Admissions Policy and Oversubscription Criteria 2027



There are 30 places available for September 2027.

Applications for places at Trinity Academy Akroydon (TAA) should be made online between November 2026 and 15 January 2027, in accordance with Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council's Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements. Please refer to Calderdale's website for further details or to make an application - <https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

Children in receipt of an Education, Health and Care plan (EHC) or Statement of Education Needs (SEN) that names TAA 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.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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 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.
4. Other children.

If there is oversubscription in any category, pupils will be admitted in order of proximity to TAA. 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 coordinate 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 TAA) - will be used as a tie-break to decide who has the 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
- **Late applications** - Applications received after the published closing date but before the start of the autumn term will be treated as late applications. Late applications will be considered after all on-time applications have been processed, in accordance with the local authority's coordinated admissions scheme. The applications will be ranked using the published oversubscription criteria and will not be given priority over applications received by the closing date unless the local authority determines there are exceptional reasons for the delay.
- **In-year admissions** - An in-year application is an application for admission to a year group outside the normal point of entry, or an application submitted after the start of the school year. Parents may apply for an in-year place for their child at any time. Applications for in-year admission should be made directly to the academy or via the local authority in accordance with Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council's in-year admissions arrangements <https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/year-transfers>. Where there are more applications than places available in the relevant year group, applications will be considered strictly in accordance with the published oversubscription criteria. If a place cannot be offered, parents will be informed in writing of the reason for refusal and their right of appeal.
- **Right of appeal** - Parents have a statutory right of appeal to an independent appeal panel if their child is refused a place at Trinity Academy Akroydon. Appeals must be lodged within the timescales and in accordance with the procedures set out in the School Admission Appeals Code. Details of how to appeal, including deadlines and contact information, will be provided at the time of refusal.
- **Deferred admission and part-time attendance** - Parents of children offered a place in Reception have the right to:
  - Defer their child's admission until later in the school year; and/or
  - Request that their child attend part-time until they reach compulsory school age.
 Deferred entry must not extend beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made.
- **Admission of children outside their normal age group** - Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. This may include, for example, children who are summer-born, have experienced ill health, or are considered gifted and talented. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and decisions will be made in the best interests of the child, taking into account:
  - The parents' views
  - Information about the child's academic, social and emotional development
  - Any relevant medical or professional evidence
  - Whether the child has previously been educated outside their normal age group
  - The views of the principal

Parents will be informed in writing of the decision and the reasons for it. Where a request is agreed, the application will be processed in accordance with the normal admissions round unless it is made too late.

- **Waiting list** - Where the academy is oversubscribed, a waiting list will be maintained for at least the full academic year of admission. Children will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria, not the date the application was received. The waiting list will be re-ranked each time a child is added.

**Fair Access Protocol** – All Calderdale schools participate in the Fair Access protocol to ensure that unplaced children, especially the most vulnerable, are allocated a school place as quickly as possible.