



The Mast Academy Trust

Our Vision

Enabling everyone within the Trust to harness their own power and potential.

Our Aims

To create amazing learning opportunities for children and for generations to come. To play our part in helping all pupils to contribute to making the world a better place.

The Trust Board of The Mast Academy Trust approved the Admissions Policy on 8th February 2017

It will be adopted with effect from September 2018

The Mast Academy Admissions Policy

Pupils are admitted to the schools within The Mast Academy Trust in accordance with The Mast Academy Trust Admissions Policy. This means that places are offered as follows:

Admission Criteria

If there are fewer applicants than there are places available, everyone who applies will be offered a place. When there are more applicants than there are places available there has to be a way of deciding which children are offered places. This is done by having admission criteria, also known as oversubscription criteria, which are considered in order. The Mast Trust Academy admission criteria for our schools are:

Criteria 1

- children in public care (looked after children) or a child who was previously looked after

Criteria 2

- children who live in the school's Priority Admission Area (PAA) who have a brother or sister attending from the same address at the date of admission (the sibling rule) attending a feeder school
- children who live in the school's Priority Admission Area (PAA) who have a brother or sister attending from the same address at the date of admission (the sibling rule) not attending a feeder school

Criteria 3

- children who live in the school's PAA attending a feeder school
- children who live in the school's PAA not attending a feeder school

Criteria 4

- children who live outside the school's PAA who have a brother or sister attending from the same address at the date of admission (the sibling rule) attending a feeder school
- children who live outside the school's PAA who have a brother or sister attending from the same address at the date of admission (the sibling rule) not attending a feeder school

Criteria 5

- children who live outside the school's PAA attending a feeder school
- children who live outside the school's PAA not attending a feeder school

We will admit a child with a Statement of Special Educational Needs where the school is named on the statement.

The schools in the Denby Dale – Shelley area of Kirklees are organised in a “3-tier” system of first, middle and high schools with transfers between schools at ages 10 and 13. The first schools linked to the middle schools are shown below. Almost all children transfer from first schools to a middle school at age 10.

As this age of transfer only applies to the Denby Dale – Shelley area of Kirklees and to maintain continuity for children in the system there is an additional admission criterion specifically for children attending first schools.

Kirkburton Middle School Feeder Schools are

Emley First School, Farnley Tyas Church of England (C) First School, Highburton Church of England Voluntary Controlled First School, Kirkburton C of E First School, Shelley First School, Shepley First School and Thurstonland Endowed V C First School.

Scissett Middle School Feeder Schools are:

Birdsedge First School, Cumberworth CE(VA) First School, Denby CE(VA) First School, Flockton CE(VC) First School, Denby Dale First & Nursery School, Kaye's First & Nursery School, Scissett CE(VA) First School, Skelmanthorpe First & Nursery School, St Aidan's CE(VA) First School.

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Any objections to the policy can be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-of-the-schools-adjudicator> The OSA is not involved in making decisions about school admissions for individual pupils. Parents who want to appeal about school places should contact their admission authority.