

Admission Arrangements 2019-20

The published admission numbers for Bishop Alexander L.E.A.D Academy is:

45 pupils

Pupils who have a Statement of Special Educational Need or Education, Health and Care plan, where that school is named in the child's statement will be admitted.

In the event of oversubscription the following criterion will be applied:

STANDARD RECEPTION CRITERIA:

INFANT AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2019-2020

- 1 Children looked after by a local authority and previously looked after children
- 2 Children who live in the catchment area at the closing date for applications and who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending the school or the linked junior/primary school
- 3 Other children who live in the catchment area at the closing date for applications
- 4 Children who live outside the catchment area and who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending the school or the linked junior/primary school
- 5 Other children

Special consideration

The following groups of children will be given special consideration in their application for a particular school:

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

Bishop Alexander uses the same definitions as published in Nottinghamshire County Council's Admissions to Schools Booklet

Home address

The child's place of residence is taken to be the parental home, other than in the case of children fostered by a local authority, where either the parental address or that of the foster parent may be used. If a child's parents live at separate addresses, the address where the child permanently spends at least three 'school' nights (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday) will be taken to be the place of residence. Addresses of other relatives or friends will not be considered as the place of residence, even if the child stays there for all or part of the week. Evidence that a child's place of residence is permanent may also be sought. The evidence should prove that a child lived at the address at the time of application. Informal arrangements between parents will not be taken into consideration.

Looked After Child

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)

Parents

- the mother of the child
- the father of the child if he was married to the mother either when the child was born or at a later date
- the father of the child if (since 1 December 2003) he was registered as the father on the birth certificate
- an adoptive parent
- any other person who has acquired parental responsibility through the courts; evidence of this may be required.

In all cases, those with parental responsibility must be in agreement with preferences made.

Siblings (brothers or sisters)

- a brother or sister who shares the same parents
- a half-brother, half-sister or legally adopted child living at the same address
- a child looked after by a local authority placed in a foster family with other school age children
- a stepchild or children who are not related but live as a family unit, where parents both live at the same address as the child.

Multiple births

Where one child of a multiple birth can be admitted, the other child/children will also be admitted.

Distance measurement and tie-breaker

In the event of oversubscription, within all but the first criterion, preference will be given to children who live nearest to the school as the crow flies. Distances are measured from the main administrative point at the school campus to a point at the entrance to the child's home using the local authority's computerised distance measuring system.

In the event of two distances being equal, the local authority will measure to the next decimal point. If the measurements remain equal, lots will be drawn and the process will be independently verified.

In the case of mandatory offers, the next nearest school is identified by walking distance using the County Council's computerised distance measuring software.

Applications

All applications must be made on the common application form issued by the home Local Authority. The form must be completed and returned by the closing date. All applications received after the closing date will be considered after those received on time.

In Year Applications

What is an in-year application?

An in-year application is for children requiring a school place during the academic year, rather than at the usual transfer time to school (starting primary school, moving to junior school, moving to secondary school or transferring to year 10 in a studio school).

Bishop Alexander L.E.A.D Academy participates in Nottinghamshire County Council's In-Year coordinated scheme. Full details are available at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

Waiting lists

Children's names will be added to a school's waiting list if they are refused a place. The position on a waiting list is decided by the oversubscription criteria. No reference is made to the date an application has been received or whether a parent has appealed against the decision. If any applications are received that have higher priority within the admission oversubscription criteria, these will be placed higher than applications that may have been on the list for some time. Being on a waiting list does not mean that a place will eventually become available.

If a place becomes available, the place will be allocated to the child who is top of the waiting list at that time. This will include all applications that have been received requesting a place at that school.

Waiting lists are held for admission to year groups reception to year 5 and are held until the end of the summer term. Waiting lists will close at the end of the summer term and parents would need to make a new application for the next academic year.

Starting school

Admission of children below compulsory school age and deferred entry to school

Compulsory school age is the term following a child's fifth birthday.

All children can start school full time in reception in the September following their fourth birthday.

However, parents can request that the date their child is admitted to school is deferred until later in the school year 2019-2020, or until the term in which the child reaches compulsory school age within this year. The school year is also referred to as the 'academic year'.

Parents can request that their child takes up the place part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age within the 2019-2020 school year. For children born before 1 April, parents must ensure that they apply for a school place before the closing date of 15 January 2019 if they want their child to start in the reception class.

The parents of a **summer born child** (born between 1 April and 31 August) may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request that the child is admitted out of the normal age group – to reception rather than year 1.

Admission of children outside the normal age group

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of the normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. In addition, the parents of a summer born child may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to reception rather than year 1. Children should only be educated out of the normal age group in very limited circumstances. Requests should be made in writing to Nottinghamshire County Council's school admissions team as early as possible.

Rights of Appeal

When requests for admission are refused the applicants will be informed in writing of the reasons by Nottinghamshire County Council (as part of the In-Year coordinated scheme), together with their rights of appeal

For admissions into the intake year through the coordinated admissions scheme the home Local Authority will inform applicants of the outcome of their application and of their right of appeal.

Appeals should be lodged within 20 school days of the receipt of the refusal letter.

The school participates in Nottinghamshire County Council Fair Access Protocol