

Criteria for Admission to Dunkirk Primary & Nursery School 2013-2014

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

1. Nottingham City will first offer places to pupils looked after by the local authority or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. 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. An adoption order is an order under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. A 'residence order' is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under section 8 of the Children Act 1989. 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).
2. Nottingham City will then offer places to children who, at the closing date for applications, **live within the catchment area** (this relates to those pupils living in the catchment area for the school set for the 2013/14 school year), whose parents have asked for a place at the school and who, at the time they start school, will have a **brother or sister who goes to the school** or the linked junior school or individual needs centre.
3. Nottingham City will then offer places to other pupils who, on the closing date for applications, **live within the catchment area** (this relates to those pupils living in the catchment area for the school set for the 2013/14 school year), and whose parents have asked for a school place.
4. Nottingham City will then offer places to children who **live outside the catchment area**, whose parents have asked for a place at the school and who, at the time they start school, will **have a brother or sister who goes to the school** or the linked junior school or individual needs centre.
5. Nottingham City will then offer places to children who **go to the nursery of the school** at the closing date for applications and whose parents have asked for a place at that school.
6. Nottingham City will then offer places to other pupils who **live outside the catchment area** whose parents have asked for a place at the school.

Nottingham City may decide to override numbers 2 to 6 of the above criteria and give priority to a child who:

- has special educational needs that can only be met at a specific school (for example, where the school has specialist provision)*; or
- has medical, mobility or social needs that can only be met at a specific school (for example, because their family are travellers).*



** applications in these categories must be supported by a written statement from a doctor, social worker or other relevant professional. This is necessary because you will be asking Nottingham City to assess your child as having a stronger case than other children. The Corporate Director of Children & Families (or his nominated representative) will look at each case individually with the school concerned.*

DUNKIRK PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL CAMPUS ALLOCATION

Dunkirk Primary & Nursery School is a split site primary school and admission places to the school will be managed by the Nottingham City (Local Authority) Admissions Department. At this stage parents and carers are applying for a place at Dunkirk Primary & Nursery School and not for a specific campus at this point.

Once the Local Authority has allocated school places (Friday 12 April 2013) and parents have been informed, the Head Teacher and Governors will meet to decide campus allocations. Pupils who have gained a place at Dunkirk Primary & Nursery School could be offered a place at either the Highfields campus (Marlborough Street) or the Abbey campus (Lenton Boulevard).

Campus decisions will largely be based on distance from home to each campus. In addition, the school will seek to ensure an equal distribution of gender, special and individual needs across each year group. For distance purposes, to be used when the school is oversubscribed, measurements will be made from the pupil's home to both school sites using a computerised geographical information system in a straight line (as the crow flies). The shorter of those two measurements will then be used to determine the distance to the pupil's home.

The allocation of a place at either site does not form part of the Local Authority's admission arrangements and, therefore, there is no right of appeal against the allocation of a particular site.

The school's admission panel will meet on Friday 19 April 2013 and parents/carers will be informed of campus decisions the following week.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Only exceptional circumstances may be taken into consideration by the school, which make one campus more suitable than another. These are:

- Disability access
- Sibling attending one campus



Each case will be considered on an individual basis. Applications for special consideration must be made **directly** to the school by the end of Thursday 18 April 2013 (4:00pm). Forms can be requested from the school office on 0115 915 3273 or by email: admin@dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk. Alternatively, you can download a form from the school's website: www.dunkirkprimary.com (Admissions Section).

Any forms received after Thursday 18 April 2013 cannot be considered for exceptional consideration.

Once the final decision has been made, this will be permanent and no waiting lists will be held. There is no right of appeal against the allocation of a particular site.

For any further information, please contact the school office.