

NUNEATON ACADEMY ADMISSIONS POLICY 2024-2025

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Introduction

Nuneaton Academy is a co-educational secondary school catering for pupils from the age of 11 through to age 16. The academy is part of the United Learning trust, which acts as the admissions authority.

The Application Process

Applications for entry to Year 7

Parents of Year 6 children applying during Y6 for a place in Y7 Parents apply for a place for their child by completing the local authority's Common Preference Form and return it to the local authority by the closing deadline.

Warwickshire County Council operates a coordinated scheme for the entry of children to Year 7 – Year 11.

The Published Admission Number for The Nuneaton Academy is **210**. This is capped at 170 in year 10 and 190 in year 11 2023-2024.

The following criteria are used when this school receives more applications than there are places available. Each applicant is allocated one of the oversubscription criteria with all applicants then ranked in criteria order. Places are then offered to those students allocated the highest criteria until all places at the school have been offered.

As is legally required, children with an Education, Health and Care Plan are admitted as first priority. This may, therefore, reduce the number of places available.

- i. A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. See appendix 1 for a definition of an adoption order and a residence order.
- ii. Children with a sibling currently attending the Academy and who will continue to do so after the date of admission.
- iii. Other children living in the priority area.
- iv. Other pupils living outside the priority area.

Within each criterion priority is given in order of distance* between the child's home and school with the shortest distance given the highest priority.

Distances are calculated by straight line measurement from the address point location coordinate of the applicant's home address (as set by Ordnance Survey) to the centre point (centroid) of the school in question. All distances are subject to changes which may occur with updates of mapping data.

Unplaced offers

In the event that Warwickshire County Council is unable to allocate a place at any of the schools listed on a Warwickshire resident's application an unplaced offer is made. A place is therefore allocated at the next nearest community or voluntary controlled school maintained by Warwickshire with availability **or** the next nearest own admission authority school (voluntary aided, trust, foundation, or academy) with availability where the admission authority is prepared

to offer a place. The next nearest school with availability is identified based on distance calculated by straight line measurement.

Those submitting a change of school application may also choose to remain at their current school if none of the schools for which they have applied can accommodate the child. In this case the family are advised in writing of this. This also applies to those children who are currently being home educated.

Withdrawal of Places

The offer of a place at the Academy may be withdrawn if: it has been offered in error. If it is established that the offer was obtained through a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application.

In-Year Admissions

The In-Year application process is for parents applying for a school place during the academic year rather than at the usual transfer point of September entry into Year 7. The Local Authority (Warwickshire Local Authority) coordinates the allocation of in-year places. Applications are made on the WLA In-Year Application Form and can be filled in online. Further information can be found here. Hard copies of the information about in-year applications are provided on request for those who do not have access to the internet.

In-Year Waiting List

In-Year places which become available are filled from the In-Year Waiting List using the same process as for new intake Year 7 admissions i.e. in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Parents/carers whose In year application is unsuccessful are entitled to appeal to the Independent Admission Appeals Panel if they are dissatisfied with the admission decision of the Academy.

Fair Access Admissions

The Academy will follow the Fair Access Protocol as determined by the local authority to ensure that 'Hard to Place' students will receive a school place. Managed Move requests for students from other secondary schools will also be given consideration. Places offered by way of the FAP are outside of the normal co-ordinated admissions round. It is triggered when a parent of an eligible child has not secured a place under in-year admission procedures.

Out of cohort admissions

Although most children will be admitted to the Academy within their own age group, Nuneaton Academy will make decisions on the year group of entry based upon the individual circumstances of each child. Parents should make a formal request to the Academy, giving reasons for their request and supply additional evidence which may help the admission authority decide the best year group for that child.

Annual Procedure for Determining Admission Arrangements

The Academy will determine and publish the Admission Arrangements annually, after a period of consultation as set out in the School Admissions Code, on or before the 28 February for admission in September of the following year

The Legal Framework

- The Nuneaton Academy is part of United Learning Trust
- The admissions authority (Warwickshire Local Authority) must determine the school's admission arrangements before the beginning of each school year.
- The Nuneaton Academy's admission arrangements are designed to comply with the requirements of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 and The School Admissions Code 2014.
- Published admission number (PAN) – The published admission number is the maximum number of places the school will offer for the year of entry. The admission number is set with regard to the school's physical space, the number and size of classrooms, the way the curriculum is managed and the resources available to the school.
- Coordination - The Education Act 2002 introduced a requirement for all local authorities to coordinate their admission arrangements to ensure that every child, for whom a transfer application has been submitted, receives an offer of **one** school place. Parents/Carers must make a transfer application through their home authority regardless of which schools they are applying for.
- Parental Preference – Section 86 of the School Standards and Framework Act requires the County Council to enable parents/carers to apply for a school where they would like their child to be educated. Admission authorities have an overriding duty to comply with parental preference (except in some specified circumstances) unless 'admitting further children would prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources'. *Therefore, parents have a right to express a preference for the school they would like their child to attend but do not have a right to choose which particular school their child attends.*

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Looked After Children – children in public care – looked after children (LAC), previously looked after children (PLAC) and internationally adopted previously looked after children (IAPLAC) (see full definition in Appendix 1).

2. Sibling link – children who, at the time of their admission, will have an older sibling attending the Academy in

Years 7 to 11 A sibling includes step siblings, foster siblings, adopted siblings and other children living permanently at the same address. A sibling link does not apply to cousins or other more distant relations or to any sibling living at a different address. A twin or children from a 'multiple birth' will be given a sibling link as soon as the first child is allocated a place. This is to avoid the situation where only one sibling of a multiple birth is successful in obtaining a place.

3. Distance - Children who live closest to the Academy, based on the applicant's home address to the Academy. Applicants will be ranked nearest to furthest, with places allocated until the PAN has been reached. Distances are measured on a straight line basis from the address point of the child's permanent address to the address point of Nuneaton Academy, using a geographical information system.