



Venn Academy Trust

Admissions Policy (mainstream schools) 2027-2028



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3	Accountable SLT member	DCEO	
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6	Who has been consulted and recommended policy for approval	DCEO	
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10	Related documents (if applicable)		
11	Disseminated to	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustees/governors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All staff <input type="checkbox"/> Support staff <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching staff	
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13	Consulted with recognised trade unions	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	



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1. Background

Venn Academy Trust schools:

Doncaster schools

Adwick Primary School
Brooke Primary Academy
Marshland Primary Academy
New Pastures Primary School

Hull schools

Griffin Primary School
Mountbatten Primary School
Thorpepark Academy

The Academy Trust is the admission authority and is responsible for setting admission arrangements.

The Local Authorities of Hull and Doncaster continues to be responsible for coordinating all admissions in their area and making offers of places.

Further details on how to apply for a school place can be found at www.hullcc.gov.uk/admissions for Hull schools and at admissions@doncaster.gov.uk for Doncaster schools.

2. Admission arrangements

The admission arrangements explain how children will be admitted into Reception (FS2) in Venn schools at the beginning of the school year in September. It also explains how children from Reception to Year 6 are admitted outside the normal admission round, known as an “In-year transfer”.

It also explains the procedure if a school is oversubscribed.

The admission arrangements set out how many children the schools will admit and how they will decide which applicants will qualify for places if the number of applications is more than the number of places available.

Applications for pupils having Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) will be dealt with in accordance with the Code of Practice on Special Educational Needs. When a school is named in a child’s EHCP, following consultation with the Principal and Governors, the governing body is required to admit the pupil.

If there are fewer applications than places available, all applicants will be allocated a place.

After the allocation of pupils with an EHCP, where the number of applications is greater than the remaining places, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below in the academic year 2027-2028:



1. Children who, at the time of admission, are in the care of a local authority or are provided with accommodation by the authority (looked after children). Children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, have a child arrangement order or a special guardianship order. Including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care because of being adopted” (see notes (i) and (v)).
2. Being resident in the catchment area of the school (see note (ii)).
3. Having a brother or sister who will be attending the school at the expected time of admission (see note (iii) below).
4. Geographical, with priority given to those living nearest to the school (see notes (iv) and (iii) below).

Criteria 4 will be used as a tie breaker for other criteria after the allocation of children with an EHCP and Looked After children if the school is full from within any of the other admission criteria.

Where the number of applicants meeting a particular oversubscription criterion exceeds the number of available places, priority will be determined by distance from the home to the school (as described in Note (iv)). Where two or more applicants live exactly the same distance from the school, the place will be allocated by random allocation, supervised by a person independent of the school and the admission authority.

Notes

- (i) A looked-after child is defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989
- (ii) Residence is defined as the normal family address where the child resides. Where parents live at separate addresses and have joint custody, the address used will be the one where the child spends the main part of the school week. Childcare arrangements involving relatives' addresses do not qualify as normal family addresses for this purpose unless there is a court Residence Order in place.

Catchment area maps and full definitions are available on the relevant Local Authority's admissions website and form part of these admission arrangements. Applicants are advised to check carefully which catchment area their address falls into.

[Primary School Catchment map - Hull](#)

[School catchment areas - City of Doncaster Council](#)

- (iii) Brothers and sisters include children with the same natural parents living at the same address children with the same natural parents living at different addresses (e.g due to separation of natural parents) half-brothers/sisters living at the same



address stepbrothers/sisters living at the same address - children living as part of the same family unit with their parents/guardians at the same address.

- (iv) The measurement of distance is the shortest available safe route for pedestrians along footpaths, using footpaths alongside roads marked on the current street map of the city. Front entrance of home property (residence) to main entrance of school site is used. This refers to a child living outside the defined catchment area. Distances are measured using the local authority's computerised mapping system.
- (v) The highest priority must be given to looked after children and children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order. Further references to previously looked after children in the Code means children who were adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after.

3. Appeals

Any parent refused a place will be offered the right to appeal against the decision. This is likely to occur when the year group is full.

An appeal form and guidance will be included with the allocation letter. The completed form should be returned to the admissions team by the date specified on the appeal form.

An appeal will be heard before an independent appeals panel and will be managed by the Local Authority.

Appeals for normal round admissions will be heard within 40 academy days of the closing date for appeals by an independent appeal panel arranged locally and 30 days for in-year admissions.

For more information, please contact:

Doncaster schools

Admissions team
Children, young people and families
Doncaster Council Civic Office
Waterdale
Doncaster DN1 3BU

Tel: 01302 736 000 Email: admissionappeals@doncaster.gov.uk
Website link: [Admission appeals - Doncaster Council](#)

Hull schools

Admissions team
Children and young people's services
Hull City Council Treasury Building
Guildhall Road
Hull HU1 2AB



Tel: 01482 300 300 Email: lsadmissions@hullcc.gov.uk
Website link: [Admission appeals | Hull City Council](#)

4. Waiting lists

If a child is refused admission to the school the child's name is placed on a waiting list.

The waiting list is based on the published criteria.

All names are kept on that list until at least the end of the Autumn term of that year.

The list is maintained by the Local Authority Admissions Team.

5. Deferred entry

Parents may defer the date their child is admitted until later in the year, but not beyond the point at which the child reaches compulsory school age, and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year in which the place was offered.

Where parents wish, a child may attend part-time until later in the year, but not beyond the point at which the child becomes statutory school age.

6. Request for the admission of a child outside the normal age group

Parents may request a place for their child outside of their normal age group. Any parent asking to do so must make this clear at the time of application and the reasons for the request.

7. A child who is in the school nursery currently

A child in the school nursery is not entitled to a place in the school automatically.

8. Fair Access Protocol

Venn Academy Trust schools will participate in the Local Authority Fair Access Protocols. These ensure that vulnerable children, and those who are otherwise hard to place, are allocated a school place quickly and fairly. This applies even when schools are full and may require admitting above the published admission number. Decisions will be made in consultation with the Local Authority in line with statutory guidance.

9. Children of UK service personnel and crown servants

Families of UK service personnel with a confirmed posting, or crown servants returning from overseas, will be allocated a place in advance of the family arriving in the area, provided a place is available and the application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date.

We will use the address at which the child will live when applying our oversubscription criteria, provided the parents provide some evidence of their intended address. Alternatively, the unit or quartering address will be used as the child's home address when considering the application against the oversubscription criteria, where this is requested by a parent.

**10. Published admissions number**

The published admission number for the school year 2027-2028:

Primary School	Published admission number
Adwick	60
Brooke	60
Griffin	60
Marshland	30
Mountbatten	45
New Pastures	40
Thorpepark	60