



Smithdon High School

Admissions Policy

The School will provide 180 places for pupils in each of years 7 – 11. In the event of entry applications exceeding demand, places will be allocated according to the following criteria, in order:

1. Children in public care who are due to transfer and children with a statement of special educational need or educational health care plan, whose parents have requested that this school is named on the statement.
2. Children living permanently within the school's catchment area, as defined by the Local Authority and as delineated on the catchment area map. If more than 180 such pupils apply, places will be allocated on the basis of geographical distance from the school gates.
3. Children with an elder sibling already attending the school at the time of admission.
4. Children not currently living in the catchment area but who are transferring from primary or junior schools within the Smithdon cluster.
5. Any other applicants up to the maximum admission number.

If the school is oversubscribed within any of the above individual criteria (except number 3), places will be allocated on the basis of the geographical distance of the child's home from the school gates, the closest having priority. Distance will be measured on a straight line crow-flight basis.

The procedure and timing of applications will be identical to those for LA maintained community schools in West Norfolk. The Local Authority provides this information as part of the annual secondary transfer process.

The appeals procedure for those unsuccessful in securing places is the same as that for applicants to LA community schools.