

Consultation on change to admissions arrangements

Dixons Academies Trust are consulting on a proposed change to the admissions arrangements from September 2027 for Dixons McMillan, Dixons Trinity, and Dixons Trinity Chapeltown academies.

Proposed changes to the admission arrangements:

The proposal is to introduce priority for:

- Up to 10% of places will be available for children with an aptitude for cricket. Further details can be found in the section below called 'Cricket places'.

Priority for the places will be given to children who are eligible for pupil premium. If places remain after those children have been considered, these will be offered to any other applicants.

Please see the oversubscription criteria overleaf; the highlighted sections show where this priority will apply within the existing criteria.

Cricket places

Up to 10% of places are available for children with an aptitude for cricket.

To apply for one of these places, parents must complete the SIF and submit it to the academy by the deadline stated on the form.

All children who apply for these places will be required to attend a cricket assessment session to be considered for a place.

Children will be given a score based on their performance on the day and ranked in the order of their total score, from highest to lowest score. A reserve list of up to 5 children will operate in case any of those ranked in the top 10% do not require a place.

If there are insufficient children who demonstrate the required aptitude to qualify for a cricket place, then fewer than 10% of places will be offered. The minimum score to demonstrate the required aptitude will be advised at the time of application.

Children who are not offered a cricket place will still be considered for one of the remaining places (in the order of the oversubscription criteria), along with any other children applying.

Consultation period and comments

The consultation will run from **Monday 17 November 2025 to Sunday 4 January 2026**, and we invite comments from existing parents and any other interested parties.

Those who do not have access to the internet can collect a paper copy of this document from the Reception desk at the academies or by contacting the Trust Admissions Office:

- E-mail: admissions@dixonsta.com
- Telephone: 01274 089780 – option 7

Comments on the proposed change to the admissions arrangements should be made in writing **before Monday 5 January 2026**.

You can submit comments via the online form, or if you wish to submit comments by e-mail or post, please specify the name of the academy they relate to and send them to:

- e-mail: admissions@dixonsta.com
- post: Admissions, c/o Lewis Building, Dixons City Academy, Ripley Street, Bradford, BD5 7RR

Dixons McMillan Academy

Procedures for Year 7 entry

The admission arrangements are:

- There are 134 places in Year 7.
- Applications for places at the academy will be made in accordance with the local authorities Coordinated Admission Scheme, as published on Bradford local authority's [website](#) and in the authority's "A guide for parents about admission arrangements for Secondary Schools". Where the academy receives more applications than places available, the oversubscription criteria will apply.
- Applications must be made on the Common Application / Preference Form (CAF / CPF) provided by local authorities by the stated deadline.

Oversubscription criteria

The academy has an agreed admissions number of 134 children for entry in Year 7. The academy will admit up to 134 children if sufficient applications are received. All children will be admitted if 134 or fewer apply.

If the academy is oversubscribed, after the admission of children with an Education, Health, and Care Plan, where the academy is named, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria in the order set out below:

- a) Looked-after children or children who were previously looked-after. See note 1 for a definition of these terms.
- b) Children who have exceptional social or medical need, supported by a written recommendation from an independent medical professional such as the child's paediatrician / consultant or an independent professional from Children's Services. The recommendation must explain why the academy is the *only* suitable school to meet the child's needs and why *no other school* could provide the appropriate support for the child.

Prioritisation will be decided based on the information received and parents will be informed if the application meets this criterion before the end of December. See note 2 for how to apply.

- c) Up to 3 children of staff employed at the academy, who have been in post for at least two years, or to staff recently appointed to a post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. A skill shortage for teachers is a subject / area with a recognised national shortage, and for associate staff a post which has been unstaffed over a prolonged period resulting in multiple advertisements. See note 3 for further details and how to apply.

If demand exceeds places at this point, the decision of who will be offered the place will be made by using a computerised random number generator programme (see note 4).

- d) Children whose siblings live at the same address, who currently attend the academy, and who will still be attending the academy on the date of admission. See note 5 for a definition of sibling.
- e) Children who are currently on roll at Dixons Music Primary in Year 6 (see note 6).
- f) Up to 24 children who are currently on roll at Dixons Manningham or Dixons Marchbank academies in Year 6 (see note 6).

- g) Up to 10% of (13) places will be available for children with an aptitude for cricket. Further details can be found in the section below called 'Cricket places'.

Priority for the places will be given to children who are eligible for pupil premia (see note 7). If places remain after those children have been considered, these will be offered to any other applicants.

- h) All other children based on proximity to the academy using straight line measurement from the home address (see note 8). Straight line measurement is taken from the Ordnance Survey reference point for the home address to the main entrance of the academy.

If demand exceeds places at points b), d), e), f) or g), places will be decided based upon the distance (proximity) of the home address (see note 7) to the academy, with those who live closest receiving priority for the place / s. If there are two or more children from equidistant addresses but only one place remains, the decision of who will be offered the place will be made by using a computerised random number generator programme (see note 4).

Where twins, triplets, or siblings (brothers or sisters) are applying for the same year group, and only one place is available the sibling / s will also be offered a place / s above the admission number.

Notes

1. 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 (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).



A previously looked-after child is a child who, immediately after being looked-after, became subject to adoption, child arrangements order or special guardianship order and includes those who appear (to the local academy board) to have been in state care outside of England¹ and ceased to be so because of being adopted.

2. Exceptional need applications must be submitted directly to the academy via the form provided on the admissions page of the academy website. These applications must be submitted by the deadline for the local authority application form to ensure they can be considered prior to the ranking of applications.

The exceptional need application is required in addition to the submission of a local authority application form.

3. Children of staff applications must be submitted directly to the academy via the form provided on the admissions page of the academy website. These applications must be submitted by the deadline for the local authority application form to ensure they can be considered prior to the ranking of applications.

An application under children of staff criterion is required in addition to the submission of a local authority application form.

4. The applications will be allocated a random number of between 1 and 8 that contains up to 7 decimal places. The numbers will be allocated by a computer programme and ranked from the smallest number at the top of the list to the biggest number at the bottom.

The randomisation process will be supervised by an independent clerk of the independent appeals panel.

5. In addition to brothers and sisters, the term sibling includes half, adopted, step, or foster brothers or sisters living at the same address. It does not include cousins or other family members sharing a house.
6. Children must be on roll at the time of allocations and continue to be on roll until the end of Year 6. Please note that we are heavily oversubscribed, and we cannot always guarantee to offer a place to every child.

7. Proof of eligibility for pupil premium or service pupil premium funding should be sent in writing to the admissions office for the academy. Proof of eligibility can be one of the following:

- in the form of a letter from your child's current school confirming they are receiving the pupil premium, or the service premium for your child.

- in the case of pupil premium, in the form of documents confirming you are receiving one of the following:

- universal credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- working tax credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- child tax credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

- in the case of service premium, in the form of documents confirming one of the following:

- one of the parents is serving in the regular armed forces (including children with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve)
- the child has been registered as a 'service child' on a school census in the past 6 years
- one of the parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the child receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme
- one of the parents is in the armed forces of another nation and is stationed in England

8. 'Home address' refers to the child's permanent address where they usually live with their parent or carer (the address of the person who holds parental responsibility for the child), at the time of admission. Where the child lives with split parents who have shared responsibility, it is for the parents to determine which address to use when applying for a school. Proof of residency may be required at any time during or after the allocation process.

¹ A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

Dixons Trinity Academy

Procedures for Year 7 entry

The admission arrangements are:

- There are 134 places in Year 7.
- Applications for places at the academy will be made in accordance with the local authorities Coordinated Admission Scheme, as published on Bradford local authority's [website](#) and in the authority's "A guide for parents about admission arrangements for Secondary Schools". Where the Academy receives more applications than places available, the oversubscription criteria will apply.
- Applications must be made on the Common Application / Preference Form (CAF / CPF) provided by the local authorities by the stated deadline.

Oversubscription criteria

The Academy has an agreed admissions number of 134 children for entry in Year 7. The academy will admit up to 134 children if sufficient applications are received. All children will be admitted if 134 or fewer apply.

If the academy is oversubscribed, after the admission of children with an Education, Health and Care Plan, where the academy is named, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria in the order set out below:

- a) Looked-after children or children who were previously looked-after. See note 1 for a definition of these terms.
- b) Children who have exceptional social or medical need, supported by a written recommendation from an independent medical professional such as the child's paediatrician / consultant or an independent professional from Children's Services. The recommendation must explain why the academy is the *only* suitable school to meet the child's needs and why *no other school* could provide the appropriate support for the child.

Prioritisation will be decided based on the information received and parents will be informed if the application meets this criterion before the end of December. See note 2 for how to apply.

- c) Up to 3 children of staff employed at the academy, who have been in post for at least two years, or to staff recently appointed to a post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. A skill shortage for teachers is a subject / area with a recognised national shortage, and for associate staff a post which has been unstaffed over a prolonged period resulting in multiple advertisements. See note 3 for further details and how to apply.

If demand exceeds places at this point, the decision of who will be offered the place will be made by using a computerised random number generator programme (see note 4).

- d) Children whose siblings live at the same address, who currently attend the academy, and who will still be attending the Academy on the date of admission. See note 5 for a definition of sibling.
- e) Children who are currently on roll at Dixons Music Primary (see note 6).

- f) Up to 10% of (13) places will be available for children with an aptitude for cricket. Further details can be found in the section below called 'Cricket places'.

Priority for the places will be given to children who are eligible for pupil premia (see note 7). If places remain after those children have been considered, these will be offered to any other applicants.

- g) All other children based on proximity to the academy using straight line measurement from the home address (see note 8). Straight line measurement is taken from the Ordnance Survey reference point for the home address to the main entrance of the academy.

If demand exceeds places at points b), d) e), or f), places will be decided based upon the distance (proximity) of the home address (see note 7) to the academy, with those who live closest receiving priority for the place / s. If there are two or more children from equidistant addresses but only one place remains, the decision of who will be offered the place will be made by using a computerised random number generator programme (see note 4).

Where twins, triplets, or siblings (brothers or sisters) are applying for the same year group, and only one place is available the remaining sibling / s will also be offered a place / s above the admission number.

Notes

1. 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 (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).



A previously looked-after child is a child who, immediately after being looked-after, became subject to adoption, child arrangements order or special guardianship order and includes those who appear (to the local academy board) to have been in state care outside of England² and ceased to be so because of being adopted.

2. Exceptional need applications must be submitted directly to the academy via the form provided on the admissions page of the academy website. These applications must be submitted by the deadline for the local authority application form to ensure they can be considered prior to the ranking of applications.

The exceptional need application is required in addition to the submission of a local authority application form.

3. Children of staff applications must be submitted directly to the academy via the form provided on the admissions page of the academy website. These applications must be submitted by the deadline for the local authority application form to ensure they can be considered prior to the ranking of applications.

An application under children of staff criterion is required in addition to the submission of a local authority application form.

4. The applications will be allocated a random number of between 1 and 8 that contains up to 7 decimal places. The numbers will be allocated by a computer programme and ranked from the smallest number at the top of the list to the biggest number at the bottom.

The randomisation process will be supervised by an independent clerk of the independent appeals panel.

5. In addition to brothers and sisters, the term sibling includes half, adopted, step, or foster brothers or sisters *living at the same address*. It does not include cousins or other family members sharing a house.
6. Children must be on roll at the time of allocations and continue to be on roll until the end of Year 6. Please note that we are heavily oversubscribed, and we cannot always guarantee to offer a place to every child.

7. Proof of eligibility for pupil premium or service pupil premium funding should be sent in writing to the admissions office for the academy. Proof of eligibility can be one of the following:

- in the form of a letter from your child's current school confirming they are receiving the pupil premium, or the service premium for your child.
- in the case of pupil premium, in the form of documents confirming you are receiving one of the following:
 - universal credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
 - income support
 - income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
 - working tax credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
 - child tax credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- in the case of service premium, in the form of documents confirming one of the following:
 - one of the parents is serving in the regular armed forces (including children with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve)
 - the child has been registered as a 'service child' on a school census in the past 6 years
 - one of the parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the child receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme
 - one of the parents is in the armed forces of another nation and is stationed in England

8. 'Home address' refers to the child's permanent address where they usually live with their parent or carer (the address of the person who holds parental responsibility for the child), at the time of admission. Where the child lives with split parents who have shared responsibility, it is for the parents to determine which address to use when applying for a school. Proof of residency may be required at any time during or after the allocation process.

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Dixons Trinity Chapeltown

Procedures for Year 7 entry

The admission arrangements are:

- There are 112 places in Year 7.
- Scholars in Year 6 at the academy will have an automatic right to transfer into Year 7. Where parents want to apply for a place at a different school, they should still complete the Common Application / Preference Form (CAF / CPF) provided by the local authorities by the stated deadline.
- Applications for places at the academy will be made in accordance with the local authorities Coordinated Admission Scheme, as published on Leeds local authority's [website](#). Where the Academy receives more applications than places available, the oversubscription criteria for admission will apply.
- Applications must be made on the Common Application / Preference Form (CAF / CPF) provided by the local authorities by the stated deadline.

Oversubscription criteria

The academy has places for 112 children in Year 7. Because the academy is an all-through academy, 60 places are automatically available to children already attending the academy in Year 6. Consequently, the published admission number for the academy is 52.

The academy will admit up to 52 children if sufficient applications are received. All children will be admitted if 52 or fewer apply. If any of the Year 6 children do not require a place, their places will be allocated to other children applying up to a total of 112 places.

If the academy is oversubscribed, after the admission of children with an Education, Health and Care Plan, where the academy is named, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria in the order set out below:

- a) Looked-after children or children who were previously looked after. See note 1 for a definition of these terms.

Those wishing to apply for a previously looked-after child need to complete a Previously looked-after child supplementary form (appendix 1) and submit this to the academy along with a copy of the adoption certificate or court order. If you are unable to access the form, please see Note 1.

The local academy board will decide on prioritisation for a place based on the information received and parents will be informed if the application meets this criterion before the end of December.

- b) Children who have exceptional social or medical need, supported by a written recommendation from an independent medical professional such as the child's paediatrician / consultant or an independent professional from Children's Services. The recommendation **must** explain why the academy is the *only* suitable school to meet the child's needs and why *no other school* could provide the appropriate support for the child.

Those wishing to apply under this category need to complete an Exceptional need supplementary information form (see note 2 and appendix 2) and submit this directly to the academy with the supporting evidence. If you are unable to access the form, please see note 2.

The local academy board will decide on prioritisation for a place based on the information received and parents will be informed if the application meets this criterion before the end of December.

- c) Up to 2 children of staff employed at the academy, who have been in post for at least two years, or to staff recently appointed to a post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. A skill shortage for teachers is a subject / area with a recognised national shortage, and for associate staff a post which has been unstaffed over a prolonged period resulting in multiple advertisements. See note 3 for further details and how to apply.

- d) Children whose siblings live at the same address, currently attend the academy, and who will still be attending the academy on the date of admission (see note 4 for a definition of sibling).

- e) Up to 10% of (11) places will be available for children with an aptitude for cricket. Further details can be found in the section below called 'Cricket places'.

Priority for the places will be given to children who are eligible for pupil premia (see note 5). If places remain after those children have been considered, these will be offered to any other applicants.

- f) Admission of children based on proximity to the academy using straight-line measurement from the school to the home address (see note 6). The distance measurements use LLPG coordinates for the Academy and the residential property. Straight line distance is then measured between the two sets of coordinates using GIS mapping. The point at your home address is set by the LLPG, which provides coordinates for every property. If the LA are not able to match your address with the LLPG, then they will identify a point at the centre of your home.

Tie-break



If demand exceeds places at points c), d) or e), places will be decided based upon the distance (proximity) of the home address (see note 5) to the Academy, with those who live closest receiving priority for the place / s. If there are two or more children from equidistant addresses but only one place remains, the decision of who will be offered the place will be made by using a computerised random number generator programme (see note 7).

Where twins or triplets or siblings (brothers or sisters) are applying for the same year group and only one place is available, the remaining sibling / s will also be offered a place / s above the admission number.

Notes

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A previously looked-after child is a child who, immediately after being looked-after, became subject to adoption, child arrangements order or a special guardianship order and includes those who appear (to the local academy board) to have been in state care outside of England³ and ceased to be so because of being adopted.

The previously looked-after child supplementary form is required in addition to the submission of a local authority application form. In accordance with the Accessibility Regulations, if you are unable to access the supplementary form but are applying under section a) you must submit evidence of your child's previously looked after status (a copy of the court order and evidence of being in local authority or state care outside England) to the Academy at the time you apply.

2. The Exceptional Need supplementary information form is required in addition to the submission of a local authority application form. In accordance with the Accessibility Regulations, if you are unable to access this form but are applying under section b) you must provide the following information to the Academy at the time you apply:
 - o Your child's name, date of birth and address.
 - o What precise support your child requires due to their specific needs.
 - o Why only the Academy can provide the support needed to meet your child's needs and why no other school can.
 - o You must attach supporting evidence from an independent professional, such as a medical specialist which confirms exactly what your child's needs are and why, in their view, only this Academy can meet that need and why no other school can. Without this evidence, your child's needs cannot be considered.
3. Children of staff applications must be submitted directly to the Academy via the form provided on the admissions page of the academy website. These applications must be submitted by the deadline for the local authority application form to ensure they can be considered prior to the ranking of applications.

An application under children of staff criterion is required in addition to the submission of a local authority application form.

4. In addition to brothers and sisters, the term sibling includes half, adopted, step or foster brothers or sisters living at the same address. It does not include cousins or other family members sharing a house.

5. Proof of eligibility for pupil premium or service pupil premium funding should be sent in writing to the Admissions Office for the Academy. Proof of eligibility can be one of the following:

- in the form of a letter from your child's current school confirming they are receiving the pupil premium, or the service premium for your child.
- in the case of pupil premium, in the form of documents confirming you are receiving one of the following:
 - o universal credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
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 - o the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
 - o working tax credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
 - o child tax credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- in the case of service premium, in the form of documents confirming one of the following:
 - o one of the parents is serving in the regular armed forces (including children with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve)
 - o the child has been registered as a 'service child' on a school census in the past 6 years

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○ one of the parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the child receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme

○ one of the parents is in the armed forces of another nation and is stationed in England

6. 'Home address' is identified as the permanent address where the child usually lives with their parent or carer. Where shared care arrangements are in place and children live equally with both parents, the parents must agree which address will be used on the application to Leeds local authority. If the arrangements are not split equally between both parents, then the address used should be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.
7. The applications will be allocated a random number of between 1 and 8 that contains up to 7 decimal places. The numbers will be allocated by a computer programme and ranked from the smallest number at the top of the list to the biggest number at the bottom.

The randomisation process will be overseen by an independent person not connected to the academy.