

## Consultation on admissions arrangements – Dixons McMillan Academy

Dixons Academies Trust are consulting on a proposed change to the admissions arrangements from September 2024 for Dixons McMillan Academy.

The proposal to change the admissions arrangements as described below, will result in there being an increased chance of gaining a place for children who live in the local area.

Children with siblings already at the Academy, and also children who attend Dixons Music, Dixons Marchbank and Dixons Manningham academies will be unaffected by these changes, as they will still receive priority before those children who are eligible under the proposed criterion.

For those children who live outside the local area, there will still be the opportunity for admission at Dixons City and Dixons Kings academies, as their admission arrangements will remain unchanged.

### Proposed changes to the admission arrangements:

1. Removal of fair-banding.

2. Removal of random allocation as an oversubscription criterion.

Random allocation would only be used in a tie-breaker situation to decide between two or more applications that qualify equally for a place, and only one place remains.

3. Introduction of straight-line distance.

The decision of who would be offered a place would be decided based upon the proximity of based upon the distance (proximity) of the home address to the Academy, with those who live closest receiving priority for the place.

The proposed admissions arrangements are shown in full on the next page.

### Consultation period and comments

The consultation will run from **Monday 14 November 2022 to Friday 23 December 2022**, 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 Academy.

If you wish to request a copy by post, please call the Trust Admissions Office: 01274 089780 – option 7

Comments on the proposed admissions arrangements should be made in writing **by Friday 23 December 2022**.

You can submit comments using the form attached or via the online form which can be found on the following webpage:

<https://www.dixonsat.com/news/consultation-on-admissions-arrangements>

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@dixonsca.com](mailto:admissions@dixonsca.com)

post: Admissions, c/o Lewis Building, Dixons City Academy, Ripley Street, Bradford, BD5 7RR

Please address any comments made via e-mail or post to: Luke Sparkes, CEO

### **The proposed admission arrangements will be:**

- a) There are 134 places available.
- b) Applications for places at the Academy will be made in accordance with the local authorities Coordinated Admission Scheme, as published on the local authorities' websites and in Bradford Local Authority's "A guide for parents about admission arrangements for Secondary Schools". Where the Academy receives more applications than places available, the oversubscription criteria for admission will apply.
- c) Applications must be made on the Common Application Form (CAF) provided by local authorities.

### **Oversubscription criteria**

The Academy will admit up to 134 children in the relevant age group each year if sufficient applications are received. All applicants 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 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 above terms.
- b) Children who have exceptional social or medical need, supported by a written recommendation from the child's paediatrician/consultant or a professional from Children's Services. The recommendation must explain why the school 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 three children of staff, 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. See note 3 for 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, currently attend the Academy, and will continue to do so 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 24 children who are currently on roll at Dixons Manningham or Dixons Marchbank academies in Year 6 (see note 6).
- g) All other children based on proximity of the home address (see note 7) to the Academy.

If demand exceeds places at points d), e), f) and g), places will be decided based upon proximity of the home address to the Academy, with those who live closest receiving priority for the place. 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 a child is allocated a place and they have a sibling/s (brother/s or sister/s) applying for the same year group, the sibling/s will also be offered a place/s (see note 8).

### **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 Governing Body) to have been in state care outside of England<sup>1</sup> and ceased to be so because of being adopted.
2. Exceptional need applications must be in the form of a letter or e-mail to the Governing Body of the Academy, sent via the Admissions Officer, and accompanied by the supporting information described above.  
  
The e-mail or letter is required in addition to the submission of a completed local authority application form.
3. Children of staff applications must be in the form of a letter or e-mail to the Governing Body of the Academy, sent via the Admissions Officer stating the name, post, and length of service of the member of staff, the name of the Academy, and the child's name and date of birth.  
  
The e-mail or letter is required in addition to the submission of a completed local authority application form.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.



- 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

- 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.
- 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 applicant.
- Straight line measurement is taken from the Ordnance Survey reference point for the home address to the main entrance of the Academy. 'Home address' refers to the child's permanent home 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.
- 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.

## Supporting data

### Postcode spread of applications and allocations

All applications						All allocations					
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018		2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
BD1	48	20	26	18	8	3	0	2	1	2	
BD2	60	81	68	69	66	9	11	5	4	7	
BD3	141	136	165	161	103	16	6	10	15	10	
BD4	45	39	40	51	33	4	2	2	1	3	
BD5	361	394	409	385	271	32	49	34	36	30	
BD6	70	75	76	72	58	8	9	5	3	10	
BD7	386	383	414	379	302	32	30	37	30	29	
BD8	116	123	161	140	106	16	10	21	10	12	
BD9	79	73	92	72	68	6	8	10	5	7	
BD10	5	5	4	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	
BD11	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
BD12	5	6	10	5	8	2	2	1	0	2	
BD13	9	3	11	4	3	0	1	0	3	1	
BD14	16	16	20	21	11	1	2	3	1	0	
BD15	27	21	21	12	16	1	3	4	1	0	
BD16	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
BD17	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
BD18	10	4	12	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	
BD22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
LS	9	6	4	4	4	4	1	0	1	1	
HX	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Other	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	1394	1391	1536	1410	1065	134	135	134	112	114	

### Applications within 0.5 miles

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
BD7 1	72	50	55	49	34
BD7 3 (part of)	17	22	27	20	25
BD5 0	76	81	64	74	38
Total	165	153	146	143	97

### Allocations within 0.5 miles

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
BD7 1	4	3	4	3	5
BD7 3 (part of)	3	2	2	1	0
BD5 0	10	6	5	5	4
Total	17	11	11	9	9

As shown above, there was an average of 140 children applying and an average of 11.4 of these children were admitted each year.



Number of siblings and children admitted under random allocation within 0.5 miles

	2022			2021			2020		
	Total	Siblings	Random	Total	Siblings	Random	Total	Siblings	Random
BD7 1	4	2	2	3	3	3	4	1	3
BD7 3 (part of)	3	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	0
BD5 0	10	4	6	6	1	5	5	4	1
Total	17	7	10	11	5	9	11	7	4

	2019			2018		
	Total	Siblings	Random	Total	Siblings	Random
BD7 1	3	2	1	5	1	4
BD7 3 (part of)	1	1	0	0	0	0
BD5 0	5	3	2	4	3	1
Total	9	6	3	9	4	5

Of the pupils admitted who were living within 0.5 miles, an average of 6.2 pupils were admitted via random allocation.

Postcode	Current pupils	% of total
BD1	7	1.08%
BD2	42	6.47%
BD3	59	9.09%
BD4	9	1.39%
BD5	187	28.81%
BD6	38	5.86%
BD7	161	24.81%
BD8	68	10.48%
BD9	40	6.16%
BD10	1	0.15%
BD11	0	0.00%
BD12	6	0.92%
BD13	4	0.62%
BD14	8	1.23%
BD15	8	1.23%
BD16	0	0.00%
BD17	0	0.00%
BD18	1	0.15%
LS8	1	0.15%
LS28	7	1.08%
HX	2	0.31%
Total pupils	649	

Current pupils within 0.5 miles

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
BD7 1	6	3	6	3	6
BD7 3 (part of)	3	2	2	1	3
BD5 0	10	5	5	5	10
Total	19	10	13	9	19
% of total pupils	2.92%	1.54%	2.00%	1.39%	2.93%

The average number of pupils currently living within 0.5 miles of the Academy is 14 which equates to an average of 2.2% of pupils overall.

It is probable that changing from random allocation to distance would not cause a significant change in the profile of those admitted in the short term. There would, however, be an increasing proportion of children who live close to the Academy admitted each year going forward.



## Consultation on the admissions arrangements for Dixons McMillan Academy

1. Do you agree with the current admission arrangements?

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2. Please write below any comments you wish to make about the admission arrangements.

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3. Please tick which category best represents your interest in this consultation?

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Politician
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

4. E-mail (optional). If you provide an email address, we will send you details of the outcome of the consultation.

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