

## Consultation on admissions arrangements – Dixons Music Primary Academy

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

The Academy is based in an area of deprivation. The proposal to change the admissions arrangements as described below, will result in there being an increased chance of gaining a place for children suffering deprivation, followed by those who live in the local area.

Children applying for a music place, children of members of staff and those children with siblings already at the Academy will be unaffected by these changes, as these children will still receive priority before those children who are eligible under the proposed criteria.

### Proposed changes to the admission arrangements:

1. Removal of random allocation as an oversubscription criterion.

Random allocation would then 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.

2. Introduction of priority for children eligible for the early years' pupil premium (EYPP)<sup>1</sup>, the pupil premium (PP)<sup>2</sup>, and the service premium (SP)<sup>3</sup>.

The criterion would be added immediately *after* the sibling criterion in the Academy's admission arrangements.

3. Introduction of straight-line distance to replace random allocation as an oversubscription criterion.

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

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<sup>1</sup> EYPP is additional funding paid to support disadvantaged children receiving government-funded early education, as per Section 7 of the Childcare Act 2006.

<sup>2</sup> PP is additional funding paid annually to schools under Section 14 of the Education Act 2002 for the purposes of supporting the attainment of disadvantaged children.

<sup>3</sup> SP is additional funding paid annually to schools under Section 14 of the Education Act 2002 for the purposes of supporting the pastoral needs of the children of Armed Services personnel.



### The proposed admission arrangements are:

- a) There are 60 places in Reception.
- b) 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 Primary Schools". Where the Academy receives more applications than places available, the oversubscription criteria will apply.
- c) Applications must be made on the Common Application / Preference Form (CAF / CPF) provided by the local authorities by the stated deadline.
- d) If applying for a music specialist place, you must also complete the Dixons Music Primary supplementary information form (SIF) which can be obtained as a paper copy directly from the Academy or downloaded from the Academy's website or Bradford Local Authority's website. There will be a strict deadline for return of the SIF; forms received by the deadline will be considered first.
- e) If applying for a place under eligibility for pupil premium, you must also complete the Dixons Music Primary supplementary information form (SIF) which can be obtained as a paper copy directly from the Academy or downloaded from the Academy's website or Bradford Local Authority's website. Forms must be received by the deadline for local authority applications (15 January).

### Oversubscription criteria

The Academy has an agreed admissions number of 60 children for entry in Reception. The Academy will accordingly admit up to 60 children in the relevant age group each year if sufficient applications are received. All children will be admitted if 60 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 the child's paediatrician / consultant or a 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 March. See note 2 for how to apply.

- c) 6 places will be awarded to children who show a particular aptitude for Music.

Where possible, parents will be informed if their child's application is being prioritised under this criterion, prior to the local authorities CAF / CPF deadline.

- d) Up to 2 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, the decision of who will be offered a place will be made by using a computerised random number generator programme (see note 4).

- e) Children whose siblings live at the same address, who currently attend the Academy, and who will continue to do so on the date of admission (see note 5 for a definition of sibling).
- f) Children eligible for the early years' pupil premium, the pupil premium and the service premium (see note 6).
- g) All other children on the basis of proximity of the home address to the Academy.

If demand exceeds places at points e), f) or g) places will be decided based upon the distance (proximity) of the home address to the Academy, with those who live closest receiving priority for the place.

Where the offer of places to applicants with equidistant addresses would lead to oversubscription, 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 7).

### 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 a special guardianship order and includes those who appear (to the Governing Body) to have been in state care outside of England<sup>4</sup> and ceased to be so because of being adopted.

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<sup>4</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.



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.

4. All 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 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. Applications under pupil premium need to be supported by proof of eligibility. If no proof is received the application cannot be considered under that criterion.
7. 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.





## Consultation on the admissions arrangements for Dixons Music Primary Academy

1. Do you agree with the proposed admission arrangements?

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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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