

Callerton Academy admission arrangements for 2021

Introductory statement

Callerton Academy is a co-educational comprehensive school. We have a PAN of 120 for Year 7 admissions.

Admission number(s)

The school has an admission number of 120 for entry in year 7. The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year group are received, the Academy Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

Application process

Gosforth Group Trust will process applications outside the normal local authority process for co-ordinating school offers. This means you will need to complete your LA common application form for your other choices of school in addition to a separate application for this school.

Applications for this school should be sent to Deputy Chief Operations Officer at the following address Gosforth Group, Gosforth Academy, Knightsbridge, Great North Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 2JH. If submitting a written application please write Callerton Academy on the envelope containing your application. Alternatively you can apply on line using the link our website.

The closing date for applications is 31/12/2020

Offers will be made on 1/3/2021. If we have not entered into a funding agreement with the Secretary of State opening the school by that date, they will be conditional offers and will be confirmed once we have a signed funding agreement.

The application form can be obtained from <https://www.gosforthacademy.org.uk/callerton-academy>

Oversubscription criteria

'The criteria in this section apply to entry at all phases of the school.

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan or a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order.¹
2. Priority will next be given to the siblings of pupils attending the school at the time the application is received
3. Priority will next be given to the children of staff who have been recruited to fill a skill-shortage area.
4. Priority will next be given to children living within 1.5 miles of the permanent school site. Distance is measured from the centre point of the child's home to the centre point at the permanent Callerton Academy site in a straight line.
5. Other children

Tie-break

'If in categories 2-5 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the school will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the centre point of the child's home to a single fixed central point at the school in a straight line. The centre point at the permanent Callerton Academy site will be used to calculate distances.

Random allocation undertaken by the local authority will be used as a tie-break in categories 2-5 above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the academy/free school is equidistant in any two or more cases.'

Random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place. We will admit them all and exceed our PAN.

Late applications

All applications received by the school after the deadline will be considered to be late applications unless exceptional circumstances exist. The Trust will consider your reasons provided they are received by the required date and, if they are exceptional, consider your application along with those received on time. An example of what may be considered exceptional is a family who have just moved into the area (proof of ownership or tenancy agreement will be required). If your reasons are not exceptional then your application will not be processed until after all those received by the closing date have been processed.

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).

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested

When such a request is made, the academy trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

Waiting lists

The school will operate a waiting list. Where the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the first term after the beginning of the school year/the end of the academic year. This will be maintained by the Academy Trust and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Appellants should contact The Clerk to the Appeals Panel, Gosforth Group, Gosforth Academy, Knightsbridge, Great North Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 2JH by 26/03/2021 for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on our website at <https://www.gosforthacademy.org.uk/callerton-academy>

Notes:

Home address:

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with the doctor. If the residence is not split equally between both parents then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

Sibling: 'Sibling' means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a step brother or sister or other child living in the same household as part of the same family who, in any of these cases, will be living at the same address at the date of their application for a place.