

Admissions Policy for Twyford Church of England Academy Academic Year 2024/2025

Twyford Church of England Academy has an admission number of 190 students for entry into Year 7. The school will accordingly admit at least 190 students in the relevant age group each year if sufficient applications are received. All applicants will be admitted if 190 or fewer apply.

These arrangements and the criteria listed below are reviewed annually by the governing body, **and should not be regarded as binding for future years.**

The ethos of Twyford Church of England High School is one which respects all faiths. We believe that all our lives are given and governed by God. We are inspired by the words of St Athanasius 'The Glory of God is a life lived to the full'. We expect our students to fulfil their potential academically, personally and spiritually.

We ask all applicants applying for a place here to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community. All applicants should be supportive of the aims, attitudes and values, expectations and commitment of this Church of England Academy. This does not affect the right of parents who are not of the Christian faith to apply for and be considered for a place here.

All applicants, including those of no faith, wishing to apply for a place at the school must fill in their home local authority's Common Application Form. When applying on behalf of a Looked After Child or Previously Looked After Child (see definitions below), applicants must ensure they indicate this clearly on the Common Application Form.

Of the 190 places available:

150 are designated as Foundation (Christian) places

21 are designated as World Faith places

19 are designated as Specialist Music Scholar places

Applicants wishing to apply for a place for their child for one of the above categories are asked to refer to the relevant admissions criteria for that category, and complete the appropriate Supplementary Information/Application form.

When there are more applicants than the number of places available, the Governors will admit according to their admissions criteria. After the admission of "Statemented" children, all Looked After Children (see definitions below) or children who were Previously Looked After, whether of a particular faith or no faith, have priority over all other applications.

Looked After and Previously Looked After Children, as defined below, will be allocated a place from one of the above categories. If a Supplementary Information/Application Form is not submitted in relation to a Looked After or Previously Looked After Child, they will be allocated a place pro rata from the Foundation/World Faith categories. The number of places available in these categories will be reduced accordingly and, in the event of oversubscription, the remaining places will be allocated according to the relevant oversubscription criteria for that category.

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In the event of a shortfall of applicants providing a religious reference, those applicants who have listed Twyford as one of their choices on the Common Application Form, but not provided a religious reference, will be considered. If there are more of such applicants than places available, then the same “tie break” oversubscription criteria as that listed on page 2 of either of the Foundation/World Faith Policies will apply.

In Year Admissions

Applicants wishing to make an in-year application should arrange for the Supplementary Information Form to be filled in and return it to the school. If a place cannot be offered at this time you will be informed of the reasons and placed on a waiting list which is ranked in the order of the oversubscription criteria and not in the order in which the applications are received. Names are removed from the list at the end of June each academic year.

Definitions

“Statemented” Child

A child with a Statement of Special Educational Need/Education Health and Care Plan (“EHC Plan”) in whose statement/EHC Plan the school is named as the appropriate educational placement.

Looked After Child

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) at the time of making an application to a school.

Previously Looked After Children

These are defined as those who immediately after being “looked after” became subject to an adoption, child arrangement, or special guardianship order, including those children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

Adoption Order

This is defined under section 46 of the of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 as an order made by the court on an application under section 50 or 51 giving parental responsibility for a child to the adopters or adopter.

Child arrangement Order

Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 defines a “child arrangements order” as an order regulating arrangements relating to any of the following —

- (a) with whom a child is to live, spend time or otherwise have contact, and
- (b) when a child is to live, spend time or otherwise have contact with any person

Special Guardianship Order

This is defined under section 14A of the Children Act 1989 as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child’s special guardian (or special guardians).