

The Trustees of the Gosforth Group have made this Final Determination of admissions arrangements for entry into Years 5 in 2021 and in-year admissions to all years.

GOSFORTH JUNIOR HIGH ACADEMY ADMISSION POLICY FOR 2021 ENTRY

Admissions Policy for the Gosforth Junior High Academy (Year 5)

Gosforth Junior High Academy has a co-educational comprehensive intake. We have a PAN of 180 for Year 5 admissions. If there are more places at Gosforth Junior High Academy than applicants, every child who wants a place will be offered a place.

The Admissions Authority for the Gosforth Group are the Trustees, which is responsible for determining and applying this policy. This Admission Policy has been formally adopted by the Trustees.

Applications for school places are co-ordinated by the local authority in accordance with the published time scales in the co-ordinated admission scheme.

Parents wishing to apply for a place at Gosforth Junior High Academy should complete the common application form provided by the local authority and return it by the required date.

If admission is not granted, the local authority will offer the student a place at another school. The student's details will be kept on a Local Authority waiting list for Gosforth Junior High Academy which will be maintained until 31st December in the year of entry. If a place becomes available, the oversubscription policy will be applied and parents contacted with view to admission of the student. Beyond 31st December, parents seeking admission should apply for a place via Newcastle Local Authority by completing the common application form. The same applies to all in-year admissions.

Late applications will be considered only after all those received by the closing date have been processed.

Parents who are unsuccessful in obtaining a place have a statutory right of appeal. Parents should contact Gosforth Junior High Academy for an Appeal Form.

The completed form and accompanying statement setting out grounds for appeal should be returned to the Gosforth Junior High Academy and marked "For the attention of The Clerk to the Appeals Panel".

If a student has a statement of special educational needs or Education, Health and Care Plan naming Gosforth Junior High Academy, a place will be offered.

Where parents have shared responsibility for a child following the breakdown of their relationship and the child lives part of the week with each parent, and the parents are in disagreement about which school the child shall attend, the views of the parent who lives at the address where the child is registered for his or her GP will take precedence.

The Oversubscription Criteria for Gosforth Junior High Academy (Year 5 intake)

The following criteria will be applied, strictly in order of priority:

1. Looked After Children in the care of a local authority or children that were looked after by the local authority and after that became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order (see definitions). Evidence of the appropriate order must be submitted before the closing date.
2. Students with a specific medical reason to go to Gosforth Junior High Academy. An example would be a student who suffers visual impairment – Gosforth Junior High Academy is the regional VI –ARC. Supporting evidence from a doctor or other medically aligned professional involved with the child must be provided. This supporting evidence should set out the particular reasons why Gosforth Junior High Academy is most suitable and the difficulties that would ensue if the student had to attend another institution.
3. Children or step-children of members of staff employed directly by the Gosforth Junior High Academy on a part or full time basis for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, or members of staff who have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Where the pupil attends one of our three designated feeder schools: Archibald First School, Regent Farm First School and Brunton First School.
5. Students with siblings who will be attending Gosforth Academy or Junior High Academy at the time of admission. Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister or child of a parent or carer's partner where the children live at the same address.
6. Children living nearest to the school as measured in a straight line distance from a single fixed central point at the school to a point in the centre of the home address of the child, using the Local Land and Property Gazetteer and British National Grid Easting and Northing co-ordinates.
7. In the case of a tie, random allocation will take place. This will be overseen by an independent person.

Definitions

A Looked After Child is a child who is in the care of a local authority in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the time the application for admission to school is made and whom the local authority has confirmed will still be looked after at the date of admission.

An Adoption Order is an order made under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

A Residence Order is an order outlining the arrangements as to the person with whom the child will live under section 8 of the Children Act 1989.

A Special Guardianship Order is an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian or guardians.

General Information

Acting Head of School: Ms D Waugh,
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Tel Number: 0191 2851000

Email: admin@ga.newcastle.sch.uk

Type: Academy

Age Range: 9-13

PAN: 180

Expected number on roll: 480

Please see Newcastle City Council website for timetable of dates:-

<http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/timetable-transferring-middle-secondary-and-high-school>

Date approved:

Signed:

September 2020

Date to be reviewed: