



Ryde Academy Admissions Arrangements for School Year 2021-22

Academies Enterprise Trust is the Admissions Authority for the Academy.

Ryde Academy (the Academy) has a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 270 for admission to Year 7. The Academy will accordingly admit at least 270 pupils to Year 7 if sufficient applications are received. All applicants will be admitted if 270 or fewer apply.

Any child with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan which names the Academy will be admitted. This is not an oversubscription criterion.

If there are more than 270 applications, so that the Academy is oversubscribed, then after applicants with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan which names the Academy have been admitted, priority for any remaining places will be given to those children who meet the oversubscription criteria set out below.

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Looked after and previously looked after children (see definition (i)).
2. Children with exceptional medical or social needs (see definition (ii)).
3. Children with a sibling (see definition (iii)) on roll at the school at the time of admission.
4. Children for whom the Academy is the nearest secondary school to their place of residence (see definition (iv)) at the time of application. Distance will be measured in a straight line by the Local Authority's geographical information system (GIS) from the centre of the building of the home address to the centre of the school building with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.
5. Other children.

Waiting list

If the Academy receives more applications than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until at least 31 December of the school year of admission. This will be maintained by the Academy and following an unsuccessful application, it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list. Places from the waiting list will be offered in the order set out in the oversubscription criteria and not in the order that the applications were received. After each added child, the list will be ranked again in line with the published oversubscription criteria.

Late applications

Application forms received after the closing date will be considered after all on-time applications have been processed.

Admission Outside of the Normal Age Group

Parents may seek to apply for their child's admission to school outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child is exceptionally gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health.

These parents will need to make an application alongside children applying at the normal age which should explain why it is in the child's best interest to be admitted outside of their normal age which may include information such as professional evidence as to why this is the case and why an exception should be made in the case of the child. A decision as to whether this is an appropriate course of action will be made by The Trust (AET) as the admissions authority, who will take into account the circumstances of the case and views of the Principal. Parents do not have the right to insist that their child is admitted to a particular year group.

In-Year Admissions

The Academy will coordinate its own in-year admissions and an application made outside the normal admissions round (in-year admissions) should be made directly to the Academy. On receipt of an in-year application, the Academy will notify the Local Authority of both the application and its outcome, to allow the Local Authority to keep up to date with figures on the availability of school places.

The Academy works in accordance with the in-year Fair Access Protocol held by the Local Authority; should a vulnerable child within the protocol require a place at the Academy, they will take precedence over any child on the waiting list.

Tie breaker

Distance will be used to decide between two applications which cannot otherwise be separated, with priority for admission given to the child who lives closest to the Academy. Where the distance measure is the same for two or more applicants (except for twins and children from multiple births), the final tie-breaker will be random allocation, which will be independently verified.

Twins and Multiple Births

Where the parent has made the same preferences of school and, through the normal operation of the admission arrangements, the last available place has been allocated to one twin or child from multiple births, the other twin or other children from the multiple births will be offered a place at the Academy. In such circumstances, the PAN would be exceeded.

Appeals

Parents who wish to appeal the decision of the admissions authority to refuse their child a place at the Academy may apply in writing to the Academy where appeals will be heard by an independent panel.

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Definitions

(i) **Looked after and previously looked after children:** 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) at the time of making an application to a school.

A child is defined as 'previously looked after when immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption order, a child arrangements order or a special guardianship order.

An 'adoption order' is an order under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or section 12 of the Adoption Act 1976.

'Child arrangements orders' are defined in section 8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order.

Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

(ii) **Exceptional Medical or Social Needs:** For an applicant to be considered under the exceptional medical or social needs criterion the parent must indicate strong reasons for the child needing to attend Ryde Academy. Applications must be supported by evidence from an independent professional person who knows about the child and supports their application such as a doctor, health visitor, or consultant for medical needs or a social worker, education welfare officer, housing officer, the police or probation officer for social needs. The evidence must confirm the child or family's medical or social need and why that need makes it essential that the child attends Ryde Academy rather than any other. If evidence is not submitted by the application deadline, the medical and/or social need may not be

considered. Priority will be given to those children whose evidence establishes that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend this particular academy.

The evidence provided must show clearly why Ryde Academy is the only school that can meet the needs of the child and any difficulties if alternative schools were offered. Evidence relating to the social or medical circumstances of the parent/guardian or another family member can be considered, but only if this impacts on the child and their need to attend this specific Academy.

(iii) **Sibling** refers to a brother or sister, half-brother or sister, adoptive brother or sister, foster brother or sister, stepbrother or stepsister living as one family unit at the same address. It will also apply to children with the same natural parent, and adoptive brothers or sisters living at different addresses (e.g. due to separation of natural parents). Other children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

(iv) **Residence** is defined as the normal family address where the child resides. The qualifications date is the closing date for applications under the co-ordinated admissions scheme (where families change normal address after the closing date but before the allocation process has finished this can be considered under the review procedure). Where parents live at separate addresses and have joint custody, the address used will be the one where the child spends the main part of the school week (i.e. Sunday night to Thursday night inclusive). Childcare arrangements involving relatives' addresses do not qualify as normal family addresses for this purpose unless there is a court Residence Order in place.

Post-16 Admissions to Ryde Academy

The Published Admission Number for entry to Year 12 is 10. Ryde Academy will admit into Year 12 up to 10 students from other schools (external applicants) who meet the academic requirements for entry in the priority order of the oversubscription criteria. Internal candidates (those who were on roll at the Academy in Year 11) and who meet the academic requirements for entry are eligible to transfer to the Sixth Form.

For further details of the oversubscription criteria and the academic requirements for entry please see the Post 16 prospectus, a copy of which is available from the Academy.