

ADMISSIONS POLICY – 2023/24

The Laurel Academy is sponsored by Delta Academies Trust in partnership with the Doncaster Local Authority. The academy provides education for children aged 11 to 16 years and primarily serves the catchment area of the Mexborough pyramid primary schools.

The Laurel Academy is a Delta Academies Trust academy in which the Education Advisory Body is the Admission Authority and responsible for admissions. This policy should be read in conjunction with the rest of the Admissions booklet. The admission number for 2023/24 is 220 and children will be admitted during the Autumn term prior to their 12th birthday. Please contact the academy if you need help in completing the Common Application Form or Supplementary Information Form.

Making an Application

1. Applications are made on the Common Application Form.
2. To support your application to The Laurel Academy, you may need to complete the Supplementary Information Form. This is not an application form for admission to academy but will be used by the academy when applying the admissions criteria.
3. The Common Application Form should be submitted by 31 October along with the Supplementary Information Form (if applicable)

Criteria for Admission Children who have a statement of special educational need and the academy is named as the most appropriate education setting for the child will be admitted.

Oversubscription Criteria Where there are more applications for admission than the published admission number, the Governing Body/Admissions Committee will apply the following criteria in strict order of priority:

1. Looked after Children or Previously Looked After Children
2. The children of parents/carers who are resident within the catchment area of the Mexborough pyramid primary schools.
3. The children of parents/carers who are resident outside of the catchment area of the Mexborough pyramid primary schools and will have an elder brother or sister in academy at the anticipated time of admission.
4. All other Children.

Tie Breaker Should the admission number be reached mid-category, applications in that category will be prioritised on the shortest distance measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the academy, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring

system, with those living closer to the academy receiving higher priority. In the event of two or more children living equidistant from the academy, the place will be decided by drawing lots. The first name drawn will be offered the place. Definitions Looked after Children or Previously Looked After Children, Children who are in the care of a local authority as defined by Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the time of application. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (Section 46 of the Adoption and Children's Act 1989) or became subject to a residence order (Section 8 of Children Act 1989) or special guardianship order (Section 14a of the Children Act 1989.)

A vacancy only arises when the number of offers to the academy fall below the admission number. The waiting list will be established on the offer day. The waiting list is determined according to the Governing Body's priority of admission over-subscription criteria. Following the offer day, should an application be received for the academy where the pupil has a higher priority, as determined by the admissions criteria for a place at the academy, they will be placed on the list, above those with a lower priority.

The waiting list will be held until the end of the autumn term in the year of entry. False Information

1. Where the Governing Body has made an offer of a place at this academy on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from a parent, which has effectively denied a place to a child with a stronger claim to a place at the academy, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.
2. Where a child starts attending the academy on the basis of fraudulent and intentionally misleading information the place may be withdrawn depending on the length of time that the child has been at the academy.
3. Where a place or an offer has been withdrawn, the application will be re-considered, and a right of independent appeal offered if the place is refused. Applications outside of the normal admissions round Applications outside the normal admissions round will be with in accordance with the LA scheme.

Details of the appeals procedure will be sent to parents by the local education authority.

<http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/secondary-admissions> Normally, appeal hearings will be held within six weeks of the closing date for receiving the notice of appeal.