

Overview of Changes to Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools in North Northamptonshire for the 2027-28 Academic Year

The local authority is proposing changes to the admission arrangements for its schools.

Summary of changes to the way waiting lists will operate

- When applications are refused, children will be automatically added to the waiting list for that school
- The child will remain on the waiting list until the end of the academic year
- If parents/carers wish to keep a child on a waiting list beyond 31 August, they will need to reapply for a school place for September (as the application will be for a different year group)

New Waiting list section proposed for the Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools in North Northamptonshire for the 2027-28 Academic Year:

Waiting lists for all community and voluntary controlled schools are administered by the School Admissions Team for all year groups and they will be kept until the end of the academic year.

Waiting lists are ranked in accordance with the school's published admission criteria i.e., priority is not given to children based on the date their application was received, or their name was added to the list. Each added child will require the list to be ranked again in line with the published oversubscription criteria. This means that a child's position on the waiting list can change - they can move up or down when other children are added to, or removed from, the waiting list.

Looked after children or previously looked after children allocated a place at the school in accordance with a Fair Access Protocol must take precedence over those on a waiting list.

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