



NEWMARKET ACADEMY

# **ADMISSIONS POLICY**

## **2026 - 2027**

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## INTRODUCTION

Parents should note that for Suffolk Secondary Schools there is no automatic right to a place at the local school. It is essential that application forms are completed and returned by the 31<sup>st</sup> October for admission into Year 7.

## PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBER

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for is 180.

## PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION

Although the Academy will decide its own admissions, the local authority co-ordinates all admissions to the normal year of entry in its area, and will communicate all admission decisions to parents. In-year applications should be made directly to the Academy.

Procedures for applying to Newmarket Academy are explained in the publication Admission to Schools in Suffolk. Parents should make themselves familiar with this information and take particular note of the definitions provided, dates and deadlines, which apply to Newmarket Academy admission arrangements unless stated otherwise in this document.

Applications must be made using the Suffolk Normal Year of Entry Application Form (CAF1), which is available from Suffolk County Council on 0345 600 0981 or Newmarket Academy. **No completed forms will be accepted at the school.**

The deadline for ordinary Year 7 admissions will be that published in the Admission to Suffolk Schools Publication. This date is the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## DEFINITIONS AND DETAILS

### Catchment Area

Catchment area maps are available online at: [www.suffolk.gov.uk/catchmentmaps](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/catchmentmaps). If you live near to a boundary line on the map please check your address against the catchment area and/or street lists at: [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions). You can also obtain a copy of the map or list from the Admissions Team on 0345 600 0981 (local rate).

## **Sibling**

Where the child has a sibling in the school or a sibling has already been offered a place at the school, and where the sibling will still be attending the school at the time of admission. The term 'sibling' includes: natural, half, step, and adopted brothers and sisters; a child of the partner of the parent/carer; and children who are fostered into the family. In all these cases, the child and their sibling will both be living at the same address (that is where the child is ordinarily resident) in a single family unit. This means that children from different family units, where those separate families are living together at the same address, are not considered siblings under this criterion.

## **Home Address** **Ordinarily resident**

Ordinarily resident: By ordinarily resident we mean the place where your child usually lives. We consider this to be where they sleep overnight. We may need proof of this address. If you use another address to give the impression that your child lives at a different address to where they are ordinarily resident, such as a second home or a grandparent's address, so that you have a higher priority for a place at that school; we consider this to be a fraudulent application. Where a child lives at two or more addresses, each for part of the week, the address at which the child is ordinarily resident will be considered to be the address that the child lives at for most of the week (excluding weekends and school holidays). Separate evidence in writing from each parent must be provided to confirm the child's living arrangements at the time of application.

In cases where the child spends an equal proportion of the school week at two or more different addresses, evidence of which is to be considered the main contact address will be required to support the application. Agreement in writing by the parents will be required to state which address is to be used as the ordinarily resident address. This address will then be used when processing all school preferences expressed. It is not acceptable to use one address for one school preference and another address for another school preference.

If we are aware of a parental dispute affecting the application, we may not be able to deal with the application and you may need to seek independent legal advice in order to resolve the matter.

## STUDENTS WITH AN EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CARE PLAN

Students with an Education, Health and Care plan that name the Academy will be admitted.

## OVERSUBSCRIPTION

- 1 Looked after children (children in care) and children who were previously looked after (children who were in care, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order, immediately following having been in care, including those who appear [to the admission authority] to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted).
- 2 Siblings: Where the child has a sibling in the school or a sibling has already been offered a place at the school, and where the sibling will still be attending the school at the time of admission. The term 'sibling' includes: natural, half, step, and adopted brothers and sisters; a child of the partner of the parent/carer; and children who are fostered into the family. In all these cases, the child and their sibling will both be living at the same address (that is where the child is ordinarily resident) in a single family unit. This means that children from different family units, where those separate families are living together at the same address, are not considered siblings under this criterion. Priority will be given, where necessary, to applications where there is the smallest age gap.
- 3 Children who are **ordinarily resident** in the catchment area. Using the criteria of children who live nearest to the school, we will measure the distance by a straight line ('as the crow flies'). All straight line distances are calculated electronically by Suffolk County Council using data provided jointly by the Post Office and Ordnance Survey. The data plots the co-ordinates of each property and provides the address-point between which the straight line distance is measured and reported to three decimal places. Where there is more than one home within a single building (for example apartments) we will measure to a single point within that building irrespective of where those homes are located.
- 4 Children who live outside the school's catchment area. Using the criteria of children who live nearest to the school, we will measure the distance by a straight line ('as the crow flies') as shown in criterion 3.

## **DISTANCE TIE-BREAKER**

It is possible that the PAN of the Academy will be reached in any one of the categories set out above. For this reason, all applications will be prioritised according to the criteria described. Decisions will be made about the offer of places in accordance with those priorities. If it is necessary to use a tie-breaker to distinguish between two or more applications, a distance criterion will be used. We will give priority to the applicants who live nearest to the school as measured by a straight line.

In the unlikely event that two applicants competing for a single place at a school live the same distance from the school, the place will be offered to one applicant on the basis of lots drawn by an officer of Suffolk County Council not involved with admissions.

## **ADMISSION OF CHILDREN OUT OF THEIR NORMAL AGE GROUP**

Parents of Gifted and Talented children, or those who have experienced problems or missed out of a year, for example due to ill health, can seek places outside their normal age group. Decisions will be made on the basis of individual circumstances of each case. It is expected that children will normally be educated within their chronological year group. However, when requested to do so by the parent, the Academy will make decisions on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned in line with the School Admissions Code.

Parents or carers should make a request to the Academy Trust in writing. This will need to include, where relevant, any supporting evidence. The Academy Trust will make a decision on the request, taking into account the views of the Principal. We will write to the parent or carer with the outcome including the reasons for the decision. If the request is refused, details of how to complain will be given. A CAF1 application form must be sent to the Local Authority along with the decision letter(s) from the own admissions authority school(s) and other relevant evidence by the national closing dates. Even if the request is agreed there is no guarantee there will be a place available.

## **MULTIPLE BIRTHS**

The Academy's policy is not to separate multiple births. If the final place available is offered to a twin, triplet or other multiple birth and the remaining sibling/s would ordinarily be refused, the Academy will offer places to the remaining sibling/s at the same school.

## **WAITING LISTS AND IN-YEAR ADMISSIONS**

If your application for a place at Newmarket Academy in the normal year of entry is refused, your child's name will automatically be placed on a waiting list. Names are placed on the waiting list in the priority order set out in the admissions oversubscription criteria (above).

The order of children does not remain static - as circumstances change a child's place on the waiting list can go up or down, for example due to withdrawals or additional applications. If you change your address while your child is on a waiting list you must let us know. Please be aware that this may change your child's position on the waiting list, particularly if you move into or out of the Academy's catchment area. Written evidence of this will be required.

Having your child's name on a waiting list will not affect your right to appeal.

Late applicants will be added to the waiting list in oversubscription priority order if they are refused a place at the Academy.

If a place becomes available, we will offer it to a child on the waiting list in priority order. We do not offer places on the basis of the date on which names were placed on the list.

The waiting lists will cease to operate on 31<sup>st</sup> December.

In-year applications should be made directly to Newmarket Academy using the ADM1 form which is in appendix 1. We do not hold waiting lists for in-year applicants.

## **RIGHT TO APPEAL**

**When an applicant is unsuccessful there is an automatic right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel from the Local Authority. Information on how to appeal will be sent in the refusal letter.**

## Appendix 1: ADM1 Form

## Your 5 step guide to making an in-year application for a Voluntary Aided School, Free School or Academy for the 2023/2024 school year

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### Step 1 – Think about why you are applying to change schools

- Have you moved house? If yes, go to Step 2.
  - If no, we strongly recommend that you discuss any issues or concerns that you have with your child's current school before you move onto Step 2.
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### Step 2 – Find out more about the schools you want to apply for

- Visit the school(s).
  - Look at their prospectus or website.
  - Look at their admissions oversubscription criteria to see how your application would be prioritised if there are limited places at the school, available at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions).
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### Step 3 – Think about how you will get your child to school

- a) We will provide SCC funded school travel to the **Nearest Suitable School** that would have had a place available for your child when they meet the statutory walking distance criteria from their home address. This would be whether or not an application was made for a place at that school. **The nearest suitable school might not be your child's catchment area school.** Please see **Note 7** of Guidance Notes in this application form for further information.
  - b) It is important that you check which school is your child's nearest suitable school on our [Nearest School Checker](#), because this might not be the catchment area school. You can find out which are the three nearest Suffolk schools (based on the statutory walking distance including Public Rights of Way) by putting your child's postcode into the Checker which can be found at [nearestschool.suffolk.gov.uk](http://nearestschool.suffolk.gov.uk). **We update this each year to include new roads and developments.**
  - c) We would **only** provide SCC funded school travel to your child's **Catchment Area School** if it is the nearest suitable school to their home that would have had a place available for them and they meet the distance criteria.
  - d) Your **School Preferences** and the order you put them on your admissions application could affect your child's eligibility for SCC funded school travel. Our **School Travel Scenarios** can help you work out when your child might be eligible for SCC funded school travel to their school when the age and distance criteria are met. These can be found in Step 4 of the relevant 'Apply for a school place' page online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions).
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### Step 4 – Check the availability of school places

- Ask the relevant school for information on the availability of places in your child's year group.
  - Please note: You can still apply for a place at the school even if the year group is full or oversubscribed. If the school is unable to offer your child a place, they should inform you of your legal right to appeal.
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### Step 5 – Complete the paper application form

- Check with the school to see if they have their own application form that they would like you to complete or complete and return the ADM1 application form directly to the school.
  - Attach any supporting evidence with your application form as well as any Supplementary Information Form (SIF) if required. You will need to contact the individual school directly for details of what evidence, if any, is needed.
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Further information is available online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions) for the 2023/2024 school year or contact the Admissions Team on 0345 600 0981 (local rate).



## Guidance notes for making an in-year application for a Voluntary Aided School, Free School or Academy for the 2023/2024 school year

Please use this form to apply for a school place when you wish your child to change school outside the normal year of entry for a voluntary aided, free school or academy. The school you wish to apply for may have their own application form that they may ask you to complete instead. You can check this by contacting the school direct.

**Please note:** You can still apply for a place at a school even if the year group is full or oversubscribed. If the school is unable to offer your child a place, they should inform you of your legal right to appeal.

**If you wish to apply for a community or voluntary controlled school please fill in a CAF2 application form available online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions) or contact the Admissions Team for a copy on 0345 600 0981.**

If you wish to apply for a place in the normal year of entry you should complete a CAF1 application form.

**It is important that you read the following notes before completing your application form as well as the information online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions) for the 2023/2024 school year or contact the Admissions Team on 0345 600 0981.**

### Timescales

The school should aim to notify you of the outcome of your application in writing within 10 school days of receiving it. However, they must notify you in writing of the outcome within 15 school days.

### Before you complete this application form you should read the following notes:

#### Note 1 – Children in care (looked after children)

A 'child in care' or 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).

#### Note 2 – Children previously in care (previously looked after children)

Children previously in care (children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order, immediately following having been looked after). You **must** provide evidence with your application that your child was previously in care in the form of an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order if you want this to be taken into consideration when ranking your application.

#### Note 3 – Children adopted from state care outside of England

A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. You may be asked to provide evidence if there are more applications than places available and you want this to be taken into consideration.

#### Note 4 – Child's current address/moving address

Please give your child's current address. If you are planning to move house, and you want your future address to be the one considered as part of your application, please check the school's individual policy for information on what evidence, if any, you need to provide.

If you are a UK service personnel family with a confirmed posting, or a crown servant family returning from overseas, places may be offered in advance of the move provided the application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date. Evidence of a future address may also be required. A Unit or quartering address can be used if requested. Please contact the school for further details.

## **Note 5 – Definition of parent**

For the purposes of education law, section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines a 'parent' as:

- all natural (biological) parents, whether they are married or not
- any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person (this could be a step-parent, guardian or other relative)
- any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.

A person has care of a child or young person if they are the person with whom the child lives and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child.

## **Note 6 – Private fostering**

If you are caring for someone else's child for more than 28 days, you do not have parental responsibility for them and you are not a relative such as a grandparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt (whether full blood, half blood or by marriage or civil partnership) or step-parent, you may be private fostering. It is a legal requirement that you contact Suffolk County Council on 0808 800 4005 or email [customer.first@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:customer.first@suffolk.gov.uk).

## **Note 7 – School Travel Policy (further to Step 3 on the first page of this document)**

SCC funded school travel will be provided to the **Nearest Suitable School** that would have had a place available for your child when they are: a) aged under 8 and live at least two miles from the school; or b) aged 8 or older and live at least three miles from the school. This would be whether or not an application was made for a place at that school.

**The nearest suitable school might not be your child's catchment area school.**

Ages are taken at 1 September in each school year. If your child receives SCC funded school travel and is under eight years of age and lives more than two miles but less than three miles from the school allocated, travel will finish at the end of the school year following their eighth birthday.

Full details about SCC funded school travel, including the School Travel Policy, additional arrangements for low income families and those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), can be found at [www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel](http://www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel).

## **Note 8 – Siblings**

It is important that you provide this information because it can affect your child's priority or offer of a school place. You should check the definition of sibling for the school you are applying for. This can be found in a school's individual policy which is available from the school, on the school's website or online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions).

## **Note 9 – Reasons for preference**

You can add the reasons for your preference if you want to. However, the admissions authority is only able to take these reasons into account if they have a direct bearing on how your application is ranked against the relevant published oversubscription criteria.

## **Note 10 – Supplementary Information Form (SIF)**

You may also need to complete a SIF for a voluntary aided, free school or academy. Please check the school's individual policy to confirm if this is a requirement. These are available from the school, the school's website, online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions) or by contacting the Admissions Team on 0345 600 0981. The SIF needs to be filled in and taken or sent to the school. You will need to tick the box on the application form to confirm you have done this.

## **What to do next if your child is refused a place at your preferred school**

If the school is unable to offer your child a place and you would like more information on what to do next, please contact the Admissions Team on 0345 600 0981. Alternatively, more information is available online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions).

**Application checklist for an in-year application for a Voluntary Aided School, Free School or Academy for the 2023/2024 school year**

**Failure to complete your application fully may result in a delay or may affect your child's priority or offer of a school place.**

Check your application carefully to make sure you have:

- Clearly written your child's full legal name (not their nickname or known as name).
  - Clearly written your child's date of birth in the following format (DD/MM/YYYY).
  - Ticked the box if your child has an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan.
  - Attached evidence if you have ticked the box to say your child was previously in care.
  - Clearly written your child's current address and any future address if moving house.
  - Attached evidence of any future address that you would like to be used to allocate a school place (please refer to the individual schools' policy for information on what, if any, evidence is required).
  - Attached evidence of your child's living arrangements if they live at two or more addresses (please refer to the individual schools' policy for information on what, if any, evidence is required).
  - Read and understood the **School Travel Policy** and are aware that eligibility for Suffolk County Council funded travel is to the nearest suitable school, which might not be your child's catchment area school. Checked the **Nearest School Checker** and **School Travel Scenarios** to understand your child's eligibility for SCC funded school travel **before** applying.
  - Clearly written the date that you wish your child to start at your preferred school.
  - Named your preferred school and given reasons for your preference if you want to. However, the admissions authority is only able to take these reasons into account if they have a direct bearing on how your application is ranked against their relevant published oversubscription criteria.
  - Written the names and dates of birth of any siblings at your preferred school (please check the individual school's definition of siblings). If you do not provide this information on your application, it is likely to affect the offer of a school place.
  - Attached the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) with your application if the school applied for requires one (please refer to the individual schools' policy for further information).
  - Signed and dated the application form.
- Requested proof of postage when posting your application to the school applied for.

**In-year application form for a Voluntary Aided School, Free School or Academy for the 2023/2024 school year**

We strongly recommend before completing this form that you read the guidance notes attached, the information for the 2023/2024 school year available online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions) or by contacting the Admissions Team on 0345 600 0981, and the School Travel Policy at [www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel](http://www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel).

**Please print in capital letters****Child's details**

Child's legal last name:

First name:

Middle name:

Child's date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY):

Male:  Female 

Does your child have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan?

Yes:  No: Is the child in care (looked after child)? (see **Note 1**):Yes:  No: Was your child previously in care? (see **Note 2**):Yes: \* No: Was your child adopted from state care outside of England? (see **Note 3**): Yes: \* No: 

Please provide name and contact details of any Local Authority who has been involved:

\*If you have ticked Yes, please tick this box to confirm if you have attached evidence: Child's current address (see **Note 4**):

Postcode:

Name and address of current school or education provision (if applicable):

**Applicant's details – parent/carer (see Note 5)**

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms:

Initials:

Last name:

Relationship to child:

Telephone numbers:

Email address:

Address if different to the child's, including the postcode:

Are you privately fostering this child? (see **Note 6**)Yes:  No: **Other details – if you are moving house see Note 4 and fill in these boxes**

Child's future address, including postcode:

Date of move:

Are you a UK service personnel or a crown servant family? Yes: No: **When would you like your child to start at your preferred school:**

**Your child cannot be guaranteed a place at any school  
Please see Note 7 on School Travel**

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**School preference:**

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Does the child you are applying for have a sibling in this school? (see **Note 8**):

Yes:  No:

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Sibling's name:

Sibling's date of birth:

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**Reasons** (you do not have to fill in this section if you do not want to, see **Note 9**):

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**Please complete this section where relevant:**

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Tick this box to confirm you have attached, taken or sent a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to the school (see **Note 10**):

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**Data Protection:** The Governing Body or Academy Trust will use the information you have provided in your application for a school place in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018. Further information will be available from the school or the school's website.

Suffolk County Council's Privacy Notice is available at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/CYPprivacynotice](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CYPprivacynotice). This privacy notice tells you what information Children's Services collects and uses, and your rights regarding your information. You can request a paper copy by contacting us on 0345 600 0981.

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**Parental Declaration (MUST be completed):** I confirm that I have read the guidance notes attached to this application form and the relevant information for the 2023/2024 school year online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions) or contacted the School or the Admissions Team. I have read the School Travel Policy and understand how eligibility for Suffolk County Council funded school travel will be decided. I also confirm that the information I have given on this form is true and that I am a parent of this child as defined under section 576 of the Education Act 1996, please see **Note 5**

<b>Parent/Carer's signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Where to send this form (we strongly suggest you get proof of posting):</b>	
Please send this form directly to the school you are applying for. Contact details can be found online at <a href="http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions">www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions</a> .	