

Dixons Newall Green admission arrangements for 2023

Introductory statement

Dixons Newall Green is a new secondary free school located in the Wythenshawe district of Manchester, England.

The school will open in September 2023 to Year 7 students and will grow year by year until it has students aged 11 to 16 by 2027.

Admission number(s)

The school has an admission number of 140 for entry in year 7.

The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year group are received, the Academy Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

Application process

The local authority will process applications outside the normal local authority process for co-ordinating school offers. This means you will need to complete your LA common application form for all your choices of school including this school.

You may find your local authority's common application form on their website. The common application form for those residing in Manchester can be found here <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/admissions>

The closing date for applications is 31/10/2022.

Offers will be made on 01/03/2023. If we have not entered into a funding agreement with the Secretary of State opening the school by that date, they will be conditional offers and will be confirmed once we have a signed funding agreement. Parents will also receive a firm offer for another open school.

Oversubscription criteria

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or

special guardianship order¹, including children who appear (to the trust) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted².

2. Priority will next be given to children based on their exceptional medical or social needs. Each application must include evidence, from a medical specialist or social worker of the child's need and why they must attend this school rather than any other, based on those needs. If evidence is not submitted to the LA with the application, a child's medical or social needs cannot be considered.
3. Priority will next be given to the children of staff who have been recruited to fill a skill-shortage area.
4. Priority will next be given to the children whose siblings live at the same address, who currently attend the Academy, and who will continue to do so on the date of admission.
5. Other children

Tie-break

If in categories 2-5 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the school will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured in a straight line (not along roads or paths) from the child's home to the centre of the school.

Random allocation undertaken by the local authority will be used as a tie-break in categories 2-5 above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the academy/free school is equidistant in any two or more cases.

Random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) and to siblings with brother/s or sister/s in the same year group tied for the final place. We will admit them all and exceed our PAN.

Late applications

All applications received by the LA after the deadline will be considered to be late applications, unless they are considered a valid late application by the LA³. Late applications will be considered after those received on time. If, following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

¹ 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).

² 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. Section 23ZZA(8) of the Children Act 1989 (inserted by Section 4 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017).

³ As indicated within the Determined Co-ordinated admissions scheme published at <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/>

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested.

When such a request is made, the academy trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

In-year admissions

The academy will have a year 7 class only in September 2023. Parents wishing to apply for a place at the academy, need to complete an application form available from the following website: <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/>

Where vacancies occur, places are not offered based on the length of time children have been on the list but are filled in coordination with the local authorities and in line with the oversubscription criteria stated above. It is, therefore, possible that a child may be added to the list who qualifies more highly within the criteria than children already on the list because each time a child is added, the list will be ranked again in line with the published oversubscription criteria.

Waiting lists

If your child is not offered a place at the Academy for Year 7, your child's details will automatically remain on the waiting list for the Autumn term i.e. until the end of December. You will need to make a fresh application in January for your child's details to remain on the waiting list (see In-Year Admissions section for how to apply).

For in-year applications, the details will remain on the waiting list until the end of the term in which you apply. You will need to make a new application the following term if you wish to re-apply for a place.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Appellants should contact Manchester Local Authority for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is available at <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/>.

Notes:

Home address:

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence

is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with the doctor. If the residence is not split equally between both parents then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

Sibling:

'Sibling' includes natural brothers and sisters, legally adopted brothers and sisters, half-brothers and sisters, step brothers and sisters and foster children living in the same household as part of the same family.

Medical and Social Need:

'Social need' does not include a parent's wish that a child attends the school because of a child's aptitude or ability or because their friends attend the school. 'Medical need' does not include mild medical conditions.