



Redcar and Cleveland School Admissions

A Guide for Parents

**Secondary Education in
Redcar & Cleveland
2027 – 2028**

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Starting any school for the first time is a huge milestone in a child's life. Moving schools at any age or because you move home means that further important decisions must be made.

This guide gives you information about admissions to secondary school. We hope it will help you to understand the process and find the right school place for your child.

It is important that you visit schools and read about their admission arrangements before you state any preferences. The secondary schools hold open evenings during September / October prior to the year of entry. These dates are published in this guide and on the Council's website.

Every year most schools are oversubscribed; this means that not all requests for places can be met. If a place cannot be offered at one of your preferred schools, this guide provides advice on what you might do. It is therefore important that you read this guide, as well as the prospectuses from individual schools, very carefully. This will tell you about stating preferences and how decisions are made about allocating places. Staff in the Schools Admissions Team, whose contact numbers are given in this guide, will be pleased to provide further information and assistance.

This booklet applies to parents / carers of pupils whose date of birth lies between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016.

Parental Responsibility

Throughout the guide those with parental responsibility will be referred to as 'parent'. In order for the Local Authority to co-ordinate the application process we are required to obtain certain basic information about the child the application is for, i.e. name, date of birth and address. We must also know that the person making the application has the right to do so and therefore we have provided below information on those individuals who have parental responsibility:

- All mothers automatically have parental responsibility.
- If a child's parents were married at the time of the birth, both parents automatically have parental responsibility.
- For children born from 1st December 2003 where the father's name is on the birth certificate the father and mother will both have parental responsibility. In all other cases, fathers are required to officially obtain parental responsibility e.g. through a Parental Responsibility Order or Parental Responsibility Agreement.
- Parental responsibility can be acquired by other family members or friends through a Court Order, such as a Child Arrangements Order (Living With) and Special Guardianship Order.
- Parental responsibility cannot be lost by a parent, except by legal adoption, although it does not guarantee contact.

Before applying

We recommend that, well in advance of applying and submitting their application, if parents are separated, they discuss which school they wish their child to attend, and attempt to reach agreement, especially where more than one person has parental responsibility.

In any event, the person completing the application form must ensure that:

- they have parental responsibility for the child in question.
- the application has the agreement of all people with parental responsibility or, in the event that it has been impossible to reach agreement, that there is a court order allowing the application.

Should those with parental responsibility not agree on a school, for example, if two forms are received or if the box has not been ticked, the local authority will establish whether both parents have parental responsibility and whether any court order has been made that is relevant to where the child should attend school.

Parents will be asked to supply evidence at this point, for example in the form of the child's birth certificate and/or a court order. If only one parent has parental responsibility, the local authority will proceed with that parent's wishes by processing their preference(s). If there is a court order, the local authority will comply with it.

If it transpires that both parents have parental responsibility, the local authority will not choose between them. Instead, the application will not be processed until both parents have indicated that they are happy for it to be or there is a court order in place. The School Admissions Section would then need to be provided with evidence from both of the parents as to their agreed decision or copies of any court ruling.

Issues after an application has been made

If a parent signs the declaration to say that he or she has parental responsibility and indicates that all others with parental responsibility also consent to the application, and if it subsequently proves that this was incorrect, this may result in the application not being processed.

In the event that a place has already been allocated, that place may be withdrawn in accordance with the statutory School Admissions Code, which allows for withdrawal of places offered in error or obtained through a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application.

Where, at first, all persons with parental responsibility initially consent to an application and then one or more of them change their mind, the local authority will continue to process the application. It will also endeavour to keep a school place open for a limited time (up to 4 weeks), where one has already been allocated, pending a resolution to the dispute.

More information can be found here [Understanding and dealing with issues relating to parental responsibility - GOV.UK](#)

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Secondary School Open Evenings

During September and October 2026 all secondary schools in Redcar and Cleveland have open evening events scheduled when parents will have the opportunity to visit the schools and in doing so hopefully help in making an informed decision about the preferences they will have to make with their child.

Secondary School	Date	Time
Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary Academy Mersey Road, Redcar, TS10 1PJ	Tuesday, 15 th September 2026	5pm to 7pm
Nunthorpe Academy Guisborough Road, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS7 0LA	Monday, 21 st September 2026	4pm to 6pm
Freebrough Academy Linden Road, Brotton, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, TS12 2SJ	Tuesday, 22 nd September 2026	5pm to 7pm
Laurence Jackson School Church Lane, Guisborough, TS14 6RD	Wednesday, 23 rd September 2026	4pm to 6pm
Rye Hills Academy Redcar Lane, Redcar, TS10 2HN	Wednesday, 23 rd September 2026	5pm to 7pm
Outwood Academy Redcar Kirkleatham Lane, Redcar, TS10 4AB	Thursday, 24 th September 2026	4pm to 6pm
Huntcliff School Marske Mill Lane, Saltburn, TS12 1HJ	Thursday, 24 th September 2026	5pm to 7pm
Outwood Academy Normanby Normanby Road, Middlesbrough, TS6 9AG	Tuesday, 29 th September 2026	5pm to 7pm
Outwood Academy Bydales Coast Road, Marske-by-the-Sea, TS11 6AR	Tuesday, 29 th September 2026	6pm to 8pm
St Peter's Catholic College Normanby Road, South Bank, Middlesbrough, TS6 6SP	Tuesday, 6 th October 2026	5pm to 7pm

The Headteacher will give a short talk at the open evening, this will be followed by an opportunity to tour the school.

Why Attend?

- ☒ Meet teachers and school staff
- ☒ Tour school facilities
- ☒ Learn about subjects and enrichment opportunities
- ☒ Speak to current students
- ☒ Get advice on the application process
- ☒ Ask questions about school admissions and preferences

Members of staff from the Local Authority's Schools Admissions Team, Choice Advice service and School Transport will be present to offer any advice or answer any questions you may have about the application process.

Remember: Attendance at these events has no effect on the offer of a place at a school.

Summary timetable for admission to secondary schools in Redcar and Cleveland for the school year 2027 / 2028

The dates relate to the process for Redcar and Cleveland residents. The arrangements will, as far as possible, follow the timetable below.

Date	Action
September 2026	A letter, by post, will be sent to all Year 6 children resident in Redcar and Cleveland and residents attending schools in other Local Authorities.
5 th September 2026	This guide and application are available online on the Redcar and Cleveland website: Starting secondary school Redcar and Cleveland They are also available on request from the Schools Admissions Team.
October 2026	The on-line application form must be completed and submitted prior to midnight on 31st October 2026. Please return completed paper application form(s) to the School Admissions Team NOT to the secondary or primary schools.
November 2026	The local authority liaises with and issues list of applicants to admission authority schools and other Local Authorities.
January 2026	Exchange of information between admission authorities regarding 'late' applications (e.g. families who have moved into the Authority).
March 2027	1st March is the national offer date. The home local authority informs parents of the school their child has been offered a place at either by email or in the post. Acceptance / refusal must be confirmed on the portal to the School Admissions Team.
20 th March 2027	Acceptance/refusal of places.
May / June 2027	Appeal hearings if necessary.
September 2027	Admission to secondary school.
December 2027	Closure of waiting lists unless otherwise stated by an admission authority.

On-Line Applications – Applying online (Opens 5th September)

Redcar and Cleveland Council provide an online application portal for parents applying for a school place for September 2027. Instead of completing and submitting a paper form, you can apply online. To use the portal, you will need internet access and a current email address.

Some of the benefits of applying on-line are:

- It's quick and easy to use.
- This service is normally available from home 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- No risk that the application will get lost in the post.
- The system guides you through the application and alerts you if any errors have been made.
- You will receive confirmation that your application has been received.

Making changes to your on-line application after you have submitted it

If you decide that you would like to make a change to your on-line application after submitting it, you can do so up to the closing date.

Completing the on-line application form

- Access the internet on your computer in the normal way.
- Type in the Redcar and Cleveland Council website address
<https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions>
This will take you to the admissions pages and from there select secondary school admissions. You will see a link '[Apply for a secondary school place](#)'.
- Please note: If you are not a Redcar and Cleveland resident, **DO NOT** complete the Redcar and Cleveland form. You should contact the council in the area you live. That authority will provide you with details of how to apply on their own form.*
- Follow the instructions as detailed throughout the process, you will be asked the same information as on the paper form.
- You will not be able to apply on-line after the closing date of Saturday, 31st October 2026.

Note 1: Any supporting information, such as exchange of contracts, Special Guardianship Orders or adoption certificates, must be uploaded before the closing date. After this date, the documents would need to be emailed to SchoolsAdmissions@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk or sent by post to: The School Admissions Team, c/o Redcar & Cleveland House, Kirkleatham Street, Redcar, TS10 1RT.

Note 2: If you intend to express a preference for a place in a Catholic Academy you will have to complete a supplementary form. This form will automatically be included in the application pack for children who are attending a Catholic Primary Academies. If you are not a Redcar and Cleveland resident and are stating a preference for St Peter's Catholic College or Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary School on your home application form and applying under one of the faith categories, a Supplementary Information Form is required. You will need to visit the schools' website or go to [Key school admissions documents | Redcar and Cleveland](#) to access the form or alternatively, email the School Admissions Team SchoolsAdmissions@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk and request the supplementary form to be sent in post. The supplementary form needs to be forwarded to the Governors of the school who will make decisions on the applications received in line with the published criteria for admissions to that particular school. Details of the criteria for the two Redcar & Cleveland Catholic Academies are published in this booklet.

Please note: you still need to complete the main secondary school application form to express a preference for the school of your choice.

If you would like advice or support completing your on-line application form, please contact the Schools' Admissions Team on (01642) 837740; phone lines are open between 10am and 2pm or e-mail SchoolsAdmissions@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Admission Arrangements

REMEMBER: There is no automatic transfer from primary to secondary school – Parents MUST apply online or fill in and return the application form.

Children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 are of age to start secondary education in September 2027. Parents have a right to state a preference but there is no guarantee that a place can be allocated at a preferred school.

The admissions authority for the Catholic Aided Schools is the governing body of the school, for academies in Redcar and Cleveland the Academy Trust is the admissions authority.

Parents can name up to three schools that they would like their child to attend. Name the schools in a ranked order – your highest preference is number 1. You can name schools in Redcar and Cleveland and if you wish those in other local authority areas. If naming schools outside Redcar and Cleveland it is strongly recommended that you obtain the information guide from the relevant authority. You need to find out about their co-ordinated scheme and the details about the schools(s) you are interested in. It's in your best interests to put 3 school preferences on your application to maximise the chance of your child being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.

Parents should note that attendance of a child at a particular primary school does not entitle him/her to a place in a particular secondary school. Places at secondary schools are offered in accordance with the procedures outlined in this booklet.

Consider how your child will get to school, the eligibility criteria for free travel are included in this guide and must be read if stating preferences for schools that are further distance than the nearest to the home address as your child may not be eligible for travel assistance. It is therefore expected that you will state your nearest school as one of your preferences.

What will happen if I do not return a preference form?

If a preference form is not submitted for your child, the Local Authority will allocate a place at a school with places remaining after all other applications have been processed. This may mean your child is not offered a place at a school you would have chosen. The School Admissions Team will send application packs where children's details are known and reminder letters, but it remains the parent's or guardian's responsibility to apply.

Further information can also be obtained from:

- a) Visiting the schools you are interested in, including the school which serves the admission zone in which you live. This will give you first-hand experience of the facilities and teaching staff and will allow you to ask any questions you may have.
- b) The school prospectus which gives information about the school including the subjects on offer, extracurricular activities, arrangements for school meals and school uniform, policies on behaviour, discipline, special educational needs.
- c) Open days / evenings, which are held during the Autumn Term.
- d) Reports published by The Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED). This is the Central Government Office which is responsible for carrying out inspections of all schools. OFSTED Reports can be obtained from the school concerned; there may be a small charge to cover photocopying costs. Reports are also available on the internet using this link [Find an Ofsted inspection report](#)

What are school admission zones?

All secondary schools have their own admission zone serving a particular area. Your admission zone school is the one we have decided will serve your child's permanent home address. The home address means the place where your child lives most of the time. If your child lives for periods of time with both parents, the home address will be the one where the parent receiving the Child Benefit lives.

Each address is covered by two admission zones, one for the neighbourhood Local Authority / Foundation School / Academy and one for the appropriate Catholic Aided School.

Redcar and Cleveland have a school catchment area finder tool to find school catchment areas in the borough, this can be found here - [School Catchment Area Finder | Redcar and Cleveland](#)
(Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of this information the Council hold on catchment areas, anomalies do exist.

Parents/carers are advised to check the individual school's admissions arrangements as not all the academies include catchment areas as part of their admission arrangements.

Officers of the local authority maintain close liaison with secondary head teachers on all educational matters. The head teachers, as a body, have expressed the opinion that all secondary schools in Redcar and Cleveland serve their community well and provide a first-class, all-round education. Given this, Redcar and Cleveland head teachers hope that all parents / carers would consider their admission zone school.

Important information:

- **Please note that living in a defined Catchment Area does not automatically guarantee a pupil a place in a specific school.**
- **Pupils do not have to live in a defined Catchment Area to enable them to apply for a specific school.**
- **A pupil's School Catchment may not be the pupil's closest school.**
- **Please note that living in the School Admission (Catchment) area of a school does not guarantee entitlement to Home to School Transport.**

What is the Co-ordinated Scheme for Admissions?

The Secretary of State for Education has placed a statutory duty on every local authority to formulate a scheme for co-ordinating admission arrangements for all maintained secondary schools and academies in their area.

The purpose of the scheme is to ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that every parent of a child living in a local authority who has applied for a secondary school place in the "normal admission round" receives an offer on National Offer Day of one, and only one, school on 1st March 2027.

In accordance with its approved scheme, Redcar & Cleveland Local Authority will co-ordinate the admission arrangements for all its schools including Voluntary Aided schools, Foundation schools for whom their governing bodies are the admissions authorities and Academies for whom the Academy Trust is the admissions authority. It will also exchange information with neighbouring local authorities if applications have been received for places in their schools.

What if I wish to apply for a school outside of the Borough

If you live within Redcar & Cleveland Local Authority and wish to apply for a place in a school belonging to another local authority, you should name this school on your application and Redcar & Cleveland Local Authority will pass your request to the local authority concerned. If you live outside Redcar and Cleveland but want to apply for a place in a Redcar and Cleveland school, you should apply to your own local authority who will pass your request to us.

The criteria used for schools in other local authorities can be found in each local authorities "Guide for Parents". Details of Neighbouring Local Authorities can be found here - [School Admissions Contacts](#).

Children of UK service personnel (UK Armed Forces)

For families of service personnel with a confirmed posting to the Borough of Redcar & Cleveland, or crown servants returning from overseas to live in the borough, Redcar & Cleveland Local Authority will allocate a place in advance of the family arriving in the area provided the application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date and a Unit Postal Address or Quartering Area Address when considering the application against the schools' oversubscription criteria. Redcar & Cleveland Local Authority will not refuse a service child a place because the family does not currently live in the area, or reserve blocks of places for these children. Where a family plans to move into the borough, the address the family intend to move to will be used if parents provide evidence. Timescales for admission processes will still be adhered to.

More information can be found on our website [Children of Service Personnel or Crown Servants | Redcar and Cleveland](#) or on DfE website [School admissions code - GOV.UK](#).

Applications for overseas children

In most cases children arriving from overseas have the right to attend schools in England. Nationals entering the UK who wish to apply for a state-funded school place should check that they have a right of abode, or the conditions of their visa otherwise permit them to access a state-funded school. For further information/guidance please visit the DfE website at www.gov.uk or use the following link <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-admissions-applications-from-overseas-children>

Applications from families moving into/back to the Borough of Redcar and Cleveland will be considered as part of the co-ordinated processes as outlined in this guide, however timescales for admission processes will still be adhered to. Evidence of the property a family intends to reside at will be requested, evidence can include a mortgage, a rental agreement or deeds for a property.

Special Educational Needs

For children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) they may have discussed their preference of secondary provision as part of their annual review **in Year 5**. If this did not occur then it will take place during the autumn term in Year 6, therefore there is no requirement for an application to be made for a child with an EHCP. However, those children who are undergoing a statutory assessment must complete the application form as the process may not be completed before the closing date, **or the assessment may result in a decision not to issue an Education, Health and Care Plan**.

The SEN Link Officers are your main point of contact if you have any questions about the arrangements and provision for your child/young person. You can contact SEN Services by calling 01642 304503 or by emailing SEN@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Children and young people with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) may receive transport help depending on their individual circumstances. Provision of transport for pupils with SEN will be based on an individual child's needs and if a child's needs are such that transport is not necessary, then eligibility should be assessed using the same criteria as for other pupils (e.g. distance, low income etc.).

For further information and advice please contact: Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council's Children & Families Transport Section - Telephone: 01642 444973

SENDIASS

The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, Information, Advice and Support Service provides independent support to parents, carers and young people around all aspects of special education needs and disabilities (SEND) phone: 01642 310 806 Email: southteesendiass@barnardos.org.uk
South Tees SENDIASS | Barnardo's (barnardosendiass.org.uk) or [Families with additional needs | Redcar and Cleveland](#)

Additional Educational Needs

Some children will need special help with their learning at some time in their school life. If special help is required, it can usually be provided from resources that are already available in school. There is a system in all schools to identify which children need special provision and parents have a right to be informed when this is happening.

In the case of a very small number of children with severe, lifelong complex needs, the Authority may need to consider carrying out a statutory assessment of special educational need. Parents and schools have the right to request the Authority to consider carrying out such an assessment. The Authority will obtain advice from the child's school, an Educational Psychologist, Consultant Paediatrician and other specialists where necessary. If, when the assessment is complete, the Authority decides to issue an Education, Health and Care Plan, parents are again encouraged to make their views known and have the opportunity to appeal against the special educational provision that is proposed. For more information see the Local Offer website: <https://informationdirectory.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/local-offer-send>

Looked After Children

Redcar & Cleveland continue to give the highest priority in their over-subscription criteria to Children in Our Care (looked after children), whether they are looked after by this authority, or originate from another local authority. Following a change in the schools' admissions code this also applies to children who were previously in care but immediately after being looked after, became subject to an Adoption, Residence, Child Arrangement or Special Guardianship Order. This also includes children 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. The admissions requirements for Children in Our Care and Previous Children in Our Care are set out in the School Admissions Code and applies to maintained schools and academies, including free schools.

Whilst recognising the importance of educational stability for Children in Our Care, in the very few exceptional cases where a transfer of schools has been deemed to be in the best interest of the child, and in consultation with the child's social worker and virtual school head, transfer requests are progressed in a timely and sensitive manner.

For CIOC (Virtual School will *provide advice and support to social workers to ensure they understand the admissions process. If social workers need further information on how the school admissions process works in relation to looked after children, they should discuss this with their VSH or someone else who can provide the correct information, e.g. the local authority's school admissions officer*)

For PLAC, SGO and Kinship– strategic advice and sign posting is provided by the Virtual School and will link parents and carers to RCBC Fostering team and social workers responsible for young people under a SGO.

Promoting the education of looked-after and previously looked-after children - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
[School admissions code 2021 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-code-2021)

Can I change my preferences?

The Local Authority will not allow a change of preference after 31 October 2026 (for the purposes of the co-ordinated scheme) without a genuine reason for doing so. A change would only be allowed in exceptional circumstances, for example, if you move to another area within Redcar and Cleveland and can provide evidence to support the fact. You must contact the Schools' Admissions Team to make a request and if allowed will need to be finalised in writing with accompanying documentary evidence.

Catholic Academies

If you intend to express a preference for a place in a Catholic Academy you will have to complete a supplementary form. This form will automatically be included in the application pack for children who are attending a Catholic Primary. Other applicants who wish to express a preference for a Catholic Academy the form can be downloaded from the Redcar and Cleveland Council website at [starting-secondary-education](https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/starting-secondary-education) or email the School Admissions Team on SchoolsAdmissions@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk and request the supplementary form to be sent in post.

The supplementary form needs to be forwarded to the Governors of the school who will make decisions on the applications received in line with the published criteria for admissions to that particular school. Details of the criteria for the Redcar & Cleveland Roman Catholic Academies are published in this booklet.

Change of Address

Redcar and Cleveland Local Authority acting in its capacity as co-ordinating authority can undertake address checks on behalf of the admission authority schools in Redcar and Cleveland. Proof of residence will be required for applicants before a new address is accepted. The evidence which can be provided should include either child benefit or child tax credit evidence or National Health Service (NHS) to show that the pupil is now resident in the new address. Parent/Carers should also provide any two of the following, Council Tax Bill, Tenancy Agreement, mortgage statements, utility bills, driving licence, etc. If the main address has changed temporarily, for example where a parent resides with extended family during a period of sickness or takes up temporary accommodation due to building works/renovation, then the home address will remain to that of the address which the parent was resident before the period of temporary residence began.

Parents should contact the Admissions Team if they either move or plan to move during the process, so that they can be informed of how to update their application details. Where a family intends to move into the borough or move address from one property to another in Redcar and Cleveland a request for a school place based on a new address cannot be considered until evidence has been provided and which has been accepted and verified by the Admissions Team. For the purposes of the co-ordinated scheme, where preferences must be passed to other admission authorities by an agreed deadline. The Admissions Team will forward the application and details to the specific Local Authority who will then confirm whether the new application and details have been accepted. Where other Local Authorities accept the new address/ school preference the pupil's application will be updated. Where the new address/school preferences are not accepted the pupil's original application will remain.

Consideration of Late Applications

If you believe that there are exceptional / individual circumstances which prevented submission of the secondary application form by the stated deadline, 31st October 2026, e.g. families who have moved into the area after the closing date, then you must provide clear evidence for Redcar & Cleveland Local Authority to decide why you were unable to submit an application form by the stated deadline.

Redcar & Cleveland Local Authority will consider each application on an individual basis subject to verification, if the authority decides that the reason given is unacceptable then the application will be considered after the applications received by the deadline and the decision of Redcar & Cleveland Local Authority will be final. For the purposes of the co-ordinated scheme, where preferences must be passed to other admission authorities by the agreed deadline. The Admissions Team will forward the application and details to the specific Local Authority who will then confirm whether the new application and details have been accepted.

All other applications will be considered once the process for allocating places has been applied to those applications received by the deadline.

Remember it is the responsibility of the parent to return the application form by 31st October 2026.

Any other changes in circumstances

It is important that you notify the Schools' Admissions Team in writing of any changes in circumstances which would affect the offer of a school place, including a change in preference or an intention to move out of the authority or place your child at an independent school.

Withdrawal of a school place

Places can be withdrawn by admission authorities if the offer has been made in error, a parent has not responded within a reasonable period, or it has been established that the offer was obtained through a fraudulent or an intentionally misleading application.

Waiting Lists

There are often more applications for some schools than there are places available, therefore a place cannot be guaranteed at the preferred school.

If you have not been successful in gaining a place at a school of your preference, the local authority will place your child's name on the waiting list for the school. However, you need to be aware that places may not become available, and you may need to consider a place for your child in another school. The waiting list will be maintained for admissions to Year 7 only and will close at the end of the autumn term 2027 or a date specified by the Academy in their admission policy. You may ask for your child's name to be placed on the waiting list of more than one school. If a place becomes available in any of those schools and you are offered and accept the place you will be asked if you wish to remain on the waiting list for any other school.

Children whose names are placed on a waiting list for a place in a particular school will be ranked in priority order in line with Oversubscription Criteria for that school / academy. If you change address during the time the waiting list is held you must advise the School Admissions Team in writing, proof of the address change will be required. In aided schools, the governing body decides whether to maintain a waiting list and how vacancies are filled, in line with their oversubscription criteria.

Appeal Procedures

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place at your preferred school, you have the right to appeal against the decision of the relevant admission authority, in the case of it being an Academy it is the governing body. However, an appeal cannot be made if an application for a particular school has not been received.

Parents are given the opportunity to state their case in writing and to attend the hearing in person. Parents can bring along a friend or representative to support them. If you do wish to appeal against the decision not to offer your child a place at one of your preferred schools, you should complete the options form, which is sent with the 'offer of place' letter and return it to the School Admissions Team; an appeal form will then follow. Democratic Services provides an impartial, independent service for the processing and administration of appeals for schools. They are independent of the school(s) involved and of the school involved and of School Admissions. Appeals must be heard within 40 school days from the date the appeal must be lodged.

All appeal hearings are arranged by Legal and Democratic Services with the exception of Sacred Heart Catholic Academy, St Peter's Catholic College and Rye Hills Academy who arrange their own appeals. They will send you details of the time and venue for your appeal and invite you to attend the hearing in person. You may be accompanied by a friend or representative who may put your case for you. The Independent Appeal Panel is empowered to make a final decision after considering all the aspects of your circumstances as well as the difficulties the school would encounter in taking further pupils. The decision of the Independent Appeal Panel is final and binding upon parents, schools and the local authority. You will be notified in writing of the decision of the Appeal Panel.

To make a new appeal during the same academic year for a school that an appeal has already been heard is at the discretion of the admission authority. For instance, if there has been a significant or material change in the family circumstances; a house move, for example. Requests for a new appeal must be made in writing and sent to the relevant admission authority.

Home to School Transport

Your child may be eligible for travel assistance between home and school if they meet any of the conditions set out in Redcar & Cleveland Council's 'Home to School Travel Policy' which is available at [School transport services | Redcar and Cleveland \(redcar-cleveland.gov.uk\)](https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/school-transport-services)

Please be aware that allocation of a place at a particular school does not automatically guarantee free travel assistance from the local authority. Parents are advised to consider the "Home to School Travel Assistance Policy" when considering their school preferences.

There is an expectation that parents take into consideration how their child will get to school when applying for a school place. The Home to School Travel Assistance Policy explains when a students will be eligible for travel assistance.

There are a number of categories under which your child may be eligible including:

Distance

The Council will provide free school travel for children of compulsory school age if their nearest suitable school is:

- beyond 2 miles (if below the age of 8 years).
- beyond 3 miles (if aged between 8 and 16 years).

Free travel will not be provided if there are places available in a suitable school closer to home. The Council will determine what is considered to be a suitable school. Please note, if **the nearest school is full and there are closer schools that parents did not apply for, travel assistance will not be given.**

Low Income

Low income criteria are intended to secure access to schools for children for whom a lack of affordable transport could otherwise be a barrier to choice. **Students who meet this criteria have extended rights when it comes to school transport.**

Children will meet low income criteria if entitled to free school meals on grounds of low income, or if parents are in receipt of the maximum level of Working Tax Credit (the level of entitlement to Working Tax Credit is shown on the notice issued by H.M. Revenue and Customs) and if:

The nearest suitable school is beyond 2 miles (for children over the age of 8 and under 11 years).

The school is between 2 and 6 miles (if aged 11-16 years and there are not three or more suitable nearer schools).

The school is between 2 and 15 miles and is the nearest school preferred on grounds of religion (aged 11-16 years).

Children unable to walk in safety to school

Where children live within statutory walking distance, local authorities are under a duty to make travel arrangements where the nature of the route is such that a child cannot reasonably be expected to walk (accompanied as necessary) in reasonable safety. Therefore, free home to school travel may be provided for children who live within the statutory walking distance of their nearest qualifying school where the nature of the route is such that a child cannot reasonably be expected to walk to school (accompanied as necessary) because of the unsafe nature of the route.

The Council will determine eligibility by considering such things as age of the child, road width, traffic speed, street lighting and condition of the route. In reaching decisions on suitable safe routes, the Council will not override a parent's legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school regularly and punctually.

Further information regarding eligibility for school transport - including an Info sheet to support parents when making school choices is available at <https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-transport-services>

School Details and Admission Policies

Each school has a published admission number (PAN), this is the number of places available for pupils starting in Year 7. The admission authority will not normally offer more than this number of places. If the number of children seeking a place is less than the admissions number, all children who have applied will be offered a place.

If there are not enough places for all the applicants, then the oversubscription criteria detailed in the admissions policy for that school will be used to decide who is offered a place.

If a child cannot be offered a place at one of their stated preferred schools, their name can be placed on a waiting list if requested. After the initial offers have been made and where places become available (refusals made by parents) further offers will not be made until after the 20 days for parents to respond to their initial offer, this process will start after 22 March 2027.

Parents will also be offered the right of appeal. When stating a preference, you are entitled to state a reason for doing so. However, the only criteria used to allocate places are those published in this guide.

Non-Redcar and Cleveland resident Catholic applicants: if your authority's form does not ask you to state whether your child is a baptised Catholic and which parish the baptism took place, please state these two facts in the reasons section of the application form.

It is important that you notify us in writing of any change in circumstances which would affect the offer of a school place, for example an intention to move out of the LA or place your child at an Independent School.

The full Admissions Policy on Freebrough Academy's website – [Admission arrangements - Freebrough Academy \(northerneducationtrust.org\)](http://northerneducationtrust.org)

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number applications will be considered against the criteria set out below. After the admission of students with Special Educational Needs where the academy is named on the Education, Health Care Plan, the criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out below:

- a) Students who are in the care of the LA or a child who was previously looked after (including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and cease to be in state care as a result of being adopted). Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or subject to a child arrangement or special guardianship order.
- b) Admission of students who need specialist provision due to their complex needs. These criteria apply to students who have Special Educational Needs, who do not have an Education, Health Care Plan and through the Review process have been identified as in need of a 'named' mainstream school that can offer the relevant support and resources.
- c) Admission of students whose siblings currently attend the academy and who will continue to do so on the date of admission. Siblings (brothers or sisters) are considered to be those children who live at the same address and either:
 - Have one or both natural parents in common
 - Are related by a parent's marriage
 - Are adopted or are fostered
 - Their parents are married/co-habiting and children permanently live together in the same household, including step-siblings
 - Are children of the same household who permanently live at the same address.
- d) Admission of students whose normal address is in the academy admission zone at the time of their application to the academy as below.



- e) Students who have social or medical reasons for being admitted to the academy which would, should the child not be admitted, cause him or her to be seriously disadvantaged or put their personal safety at risk. For each case the academy will need proof from an independent person such as a medical specialist who has been involved with the child over a period of time, a social worker, an attendance officer or another professional. The academy will not offer places within this category, based on a child's ability or

intelligence.

- f) Children who attend a Partner Primary School linked to the academy. The partner primary schools for 2027/28 admissions are: NET Badger Hill and NET Whitecliffe Academy. Within this criterion places will be allocated in the following order of priority:
 - a) Those children who attend a Partner Primary School and live within the admission zone of that primary school.

- b) Those children who attend a Partner Primary School but live outside the admission zone of that primary school.
 - c) Those children who do not attend a Partner Primary School but live within the admission zone of a Partner Primary School.
- g) If the academy becomes oversubscribed within a single criterion, it will prioritise on the basis of the proximity of the *normal address to the academy closest first. The distance, which determines how close a student lives to the academy, is the measurement from the main entrance of the student's normal address to the main entrance of the academy. The distance will be measured in a straight-line using Route Finder, a computerised mapping system which measures from the centre of the home address point to the designated centre of the main entrance to the academy.
- *(Normal address: 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. Child care arrangements involving relatives' addresses do not qualify as normal family addresses for this purpose unless there is a court Residence Order in place. The qualification date is the closing date for applications under the coordinated admissions scheme. Where families change normal address after the closing date but before the allocation process has finished, this can be considered under the LA's co-ordinated scheme.)*
- h) Children of staff in either or both of the following circumstances:
 - i) Where the member of staff has been employed by the trust for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made; and/or
 - ii) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
 - i) Children whose normal address is outside the catchment area, based on distance from the academy, using the distance calculation and approach set out in point (g)

Tie-breaker

In the case of 2 or more applications that cannot be separated by the oversubscription criteria outlined above, the academy will use the distance between the academy and a child's home as a tie breaker to decide between applicants. Priority will be given to children who live closest to the academy. Distance will be measured as outlined above in point f. Where the distance between 2 children's homes and the academy is the same, random allocation will be used to decide between them. This process will be independently verified.

Appeals

Parents will have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel if they are dissatisfied with an admission decision of the academy. The Appeal Panel will be independent of the academy and administered by the LA. The arrangements for appeals will be in line with the School Admission Appeal Code 2022. The determination of the appeal panel will be made in accordance with the Schools Admission Appeals Code and is binding on all parties. Guidance will be available for parents about how the appeals process will work and provide parents with a named independent contact who can answer any enquiries parents may have about the process.

Operation of Waiting Lists

All applications that are declined a place are automatically placed on a waiting list with the Local Authority so parents do not need to request this to happen. A waiting list is only held for that academic year, so parents would need to reapply through the in-year transfer process. Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out in paragraph 7.1 above.

Where places become vacant, they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

Requests for admission outside the normal age group

If a student's parent wishes to apply for their child to be admitted outside of their normal age group they must complete this in writing to the principal which will be considered in line with the school admissions code, the academies delayed and deferred admissions policy and the best interest of the child. The outcome will be sent in writing, and parents will only have the right to appeal if their child was refused a place at the school but not if they are refused a place in their preferred year group and not their chronological year group.

By September	The trust will publish in the academy prospectus information about the arrangements for admission, including oversubscription criteria, for the following September (e.g. in September 2026 for admission in September 2027). This will include details of open evenings and other opportunities for prospective students and their parents to visit the academy. The trust will also provide information in relation to the academy to the LA for inclusion in the composite prospectus, as required
September/October	The trust will provide opportunities for parents to visit the academy
31 October	Deadline for secondary school places – where the CAF is required to be completed and returned to the student's home LA. This process is administered by the LA on behalf of the Trust The academy requests the list of names who have made applications from the LA
February	The LA applies the published admission arrangement and its agreed scheme for LA maintained schools, informing other LAs of offers to be made to their residents
1 March	National offer day for secondary school places, where parents are notified of any offers.

In year admissions

For applications for in-year admissions parents/carers should contact Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council Admissions team on 01642 837740 or email SchoolsAdmissions@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk.

Parents will be notified of the outcome of in-year application in writing within 15 school days. Parents will always be informed of the reasons for any decision on the year group a child should be admitted to. If an application for a place at the academy is unsuccessful, parents will be informed why admission was refused and given information about the process for hearing appeals.



SPARK EDUCATION TRUST
SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY SEPTEMBER 2027

The admission authority for Laurence Jackson School and Huntcliff School is Spark Education Trust. The admission number for our academies for 2027/28 has been set at:

Laurence Jackson School	250
Huntcliff School	112

All governing bodies are required by Section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014 to admit to the school a child with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan that names the school. This is not an oversubscription criterion. This relates only to children who have undergone statutory assessment and for whom a final Education, Health and Care Plan has been issued.

Where there are more applications for a school than there are places available, places will be allocated in order using the oversubscription criteria in this policy.

CRITERIA (in priority order)	EXPLANATORY NOTES
i) Looked after children (1) and all previously looked after children, including those children 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). Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (3) (or became subject to a child arrangements order (4) or special guardianship order (5).	(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) at the time of making an application to a school. (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. (3) This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see Section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see Section 46 adoption orders). (4) 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. (5) See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).
ii) children who are permanently resident in the admission zone defined for the school	For the purposes of determining whether a child lives within the admission zone, only the address at which the parent/carer ordinarily resides and with whom the child normally lives will be taken into account. If parents/carers are separated and the child lives for periods of time with both parents/carers, the address used will be of the parent who receives child benefit for the child. Parents/carers may be asked to provide proof. Short term tenancies entered into the prime objective of securing admission for a child at a particular school will not qualify as places of ordinary residence. The Authority will take action should false information be submitted in order to secure a place at a particular school.
iii) children not living in the admission zone who have elder siblings attending the school in the 2027-2028 school year	Brothers and sisters and step brothers and sisters will qualify under this criterion as long as they both live at the same permanent address and the elder sibling is still attending the preferred school in the subsequent school year. Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent's/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

CRITERIA (in priority order)	EXPLANATORY NOTES
iv) children not living within the admission zone who have exceptional social and/or medical reasons for attending a particular school, professionally supported by an independent third party and sustained by appropriate professional advisors to the school	Social reasons generally do not include domestic circumstances such as parents'/carers' working commitments, child care arrangements, separation from friends. In the case of medical reasons, evidence would need to demonstrate the exceptional long-term nature of the condition. All mainstream schools are able to cater for a wide range of medical needs which may be encountered by children. Parents/carers are strongly urged to provide independent third party information (eg from a professional person who knows or is involved with the child) in support of any exceptional long term medical or social reason why they think their child should be given special consideration for placement in a particular school. This written support must make clear why the preferred school is the only school which could meet their child's needs. The submission of independent information will not automatically guarantee a place under this criterion. However, the evidence will be carefully considered by the relevant professional advisors as to whether or not an application falls into this category.
v) children living closest to the school	The distance from home to school will be measured by computer on a straight line basis using the number and postcode of the house and the postcode of the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school (using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system) with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Tie-Break

If it is necessary to distinguish between children within categories 1 - 4, places will be offered using the criteria listed above in priority order and determined by criteria 5 - measurement on a straight-line basis using the number and postcode of the house and the postcode of the school. In the case of a tie break in category 5 the final allocation will be determined using the shortest walking route using the number and postcode of the house and the postcode of the school.

Late Applications

Applications received after the closing date will be considered after applications that were received on time unless there was good reason for their lateness. An example of this would be a new family moving to the area after the closing date.

Waiting List

Any unsuccessful applicants will be automatically placed on a waiting list and ranked in order as per the oversubscription criteria. Waiting lists will be maintained until the end of the Autumn Term 2027.

Requests for mid-year transfer/in-year school admission

Applications will be co-ordinated by the Redcar and Cleveland School Admissions Team on behalf of all schools within the Borough. Any requests for transfer should be made to the School Admissions Team via email at SchoolsAdmissions@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk or telephone on 01642 837740.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND TIMETABLE FOR ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 7	
6 Sept 2026	• Application window opens • Send out application information. • Online application website opens.
31 October 2026	• Closing date for receipt of online and paper applications.
1 March 2027	NATIONAL OFFER DAY • Parents will be notified of their school offer by their Home Local Authority
May – July 2027	• Appeals to be heard by Independent Panels.
End of Autumn Term 2027	• Admission round ends. • Waiting lists close.

Appeals

The student and/or parents of students who are not offered a place, have the right to appeal against non-admission. For information on the appeals process and for the appeals timetable please see <https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/school-admissions-appeals>

The admission authority for Outwood academies is Outwood Grange Academies Trust. The admission number for our academies for 2027/28 has been set at:

Outwood Academy Bydales	150
Outwood Academy Normanby	150
Outwood Academy Redcar	150

There are no changes proposed to the school admission policy for 2027/28. Where there are more applications for a school than there are places available, it is proposed that places will be allocated using the over subscription criteria shown in the table below.

CRITERIA (in priority order)	EXPLANATORY NOTES
Looked after children in local authority care.	Children who are looked after; or who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. This includes those who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. 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 (Section 22(1) of the Children's Act 1989).
Children who are permanently resident in the admission zone defined for the school.	For the purposes of determining whether a child lives within the admission zone, only the address at which the parent/guardian ordinarily resides and with whom the child normally lives will be taken into account. If parents are separated and the child lives for periods of time with both parents, the address used will be of the parent who receives child benefit for the child (if eligible). If neither parent is eligible for child benefit, the address used will be that on the child's medical registration card (proof may be required). Short term tenancies entered into with the prime objective of securing admission for a child at a particular school will not qualify as places of ordinary residence. The local authority will take action should false information be submitted in order to secure a place at a particular school.
Children not living in the admission zone who have elder brothers or sisters attending the school in the 2027/2028 school year.	Brothers and sisters and step brothers and sisters will qualify under this criterion as long as they both live at the same permanent address and the elder sibling is still attending the preferred school in the 2027/28 school year. 'Sibling' refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

Children not living within the admission zone who have exceptional social and/or medical reasons for attending a particular school, professionally supported by an independent third party and sustained by the Authority's professional advisors.	Social reasons generally do not include domestic circumstances such as parents' working commitments, child care arrangements, or separation from friends. In the case of medical reasons, evidence would need to demonstrate the exceptional long-term nature of the condition. All mainstream schools are able to cater for a wide range of medical needs which may be encountered by children. You are strongly urged to provide independent third party information (e.g., from a professional person who knows or is involved with your child) in support of any exceptional long-term medical or social reason why you think your child should be given special consideration for placement in a particular school. This written support must make clear why the preferred school is the only school which could meet your child's needs. The submission of independent information will not automatically guarantee a place under this criterion. However, the evidence will be carefully considered by the local authority's professional advisors as to whether or not your application falls into this category.
Children living closest to the school	The distance from home to school will be measured by computer on a straight line basis using the number and postcode of the house and the postcode of the school.

Tie-break:

If it is necessary to distinguish between children within categories, places will be offered using the criteria listed above in priority order and determined by criteria - measurement on a straight line basis using the number and postcode of the house and the postcode of the school. In the case of a tie break in category the final allocation will be determined using the shortest walking route using the number and postcode of the house and the postcode of the school.

Late Applications:

Applications received after the closing date will be considered after applications that were received on time unless there was good reason for their lateness. An example of this would be a new family moving to the area after the closing date.

Waiting Lists:

Waiting lists for both reception and year 7 will be maintained until 31 December 2027. Any places that become available will be allocated in accordance with the published oversubscription criteria.

Admission of a child outside their normal age group:

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. If you wish to request admission of a child outside of their normal year group you should make an application for the normal time of entry and then put a request in writing to the School Admissions Team asking to defer the entry date and giving your reasons for the request. The request will be considered in consultation with the school concerned and you will be notified of the outcome of your request. If the request is agreed, you should then submit a new application at the time applications are being taken for the new admission date. Please note – the deferred application will be considered against all other applications for entry that year based upon a strict application of the admissions criteria and agreement to deferral does not automatically mean your child will be offered a place at the school in that year.

Requests for mid-year transfer school admission:

Applications will be co-ordinated by the Redcar and Cleveland Admissions Team on behalf of all schools within the borough. Any requests for transfer should be made to the admissions team on 01642 837740.

Timetable for the co-ordinated admission arrangements 2027/28

31 October 2026	• Closing date for receipt of online and paper applications
1 March 2027	NATIONAL OFFER DAY • LA sends letters to all parents informing them of the allocated schools • LA informs schools of final offers
May – July 2027	• Appeals to be heard by Independent Panels
31 December 2027	• Admission round ends • Waiting lists close



The PAN applies to the year of entry (Year 7) and is 150 for September 2027.

The North East Learning Trust is the Admissions Authority responsible for applying this policy for Rye Hills Academy.

The Trust will consider all admission applications sent to them by the Local Authority (LA) and will apply the policy fairly and consistently to every application received.

Published Admission Number (PAN)

The PAN is the number of places we intend to make available for our normal intake. Once the PAN has been set for an Academy, we will not refuse any applications submitted during the normal admission round for Year 7 where the PAN has not been exceeded.

The application process for admissions into Year 7 is co-ordinated by Redcar & Cleveland Local Authority (LA), which acts on behalf of the Trust to offer Year 7 places at The Academy.

At the appropriate time, parents / carers will receive information from Redcar & Cleveland Admissions on how to make an application and relevant dates. The closing date for applications for places in Year 7 for September 2027 is 31 October 2026 and offer letters will be issued by the LA on 1st March 2027 – the national school places offers' day. Applications can also be made on-line.

An Independent Choice Advice service will be available to assist families with their applications.

For details, please contact the Redcar & Cleveland Admissions Team on 01642 837740 or log onto [School admissions | Redcar and Cleveland \(redcar-cleveland.gov.uk\)](https://www.schooladmissions-redcar-and-cleveland.gov.uk). All parents/ carers are strongly advised to read the Redcar & Cleveland Local Authority Guide for Parents/Carers 2027/2028. The timetable for secondary school admission arrangements for Year 7 2027/2028 is available from Redcar & Cleveland Admissions Office.

Over-Subscription Criteria

1. Children who are 'looked after' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order*.

A looked after child is a child who is, at the time of making an application to a school, (a) in the care of the local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. (See definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

2. Children who appear to the admission authority of the school to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

3. Medical reasons

Children with very exceptional medical factors directly related to school placement. Supporting evidence from a professional (such as a doctor known to your child) must be included with your application. The evidence MUST explain why the school you wish your child to attend is the only school that can meet the child's medical needs and what difficulties would be caused if they had to attend an alternative school.

4. Sibling links

Children who have a sibling already attending the school (in Years 7-11) and who is expected to be on roll at the time of admission. Sibling is defined as children who live as brother or sister in the same house permanently, including natural brothers or sisters, half-brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters and children of the parent/carer's partner.

5. Children of staff employed at the Academy

Children of staff employed at the Academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made and/or the member of staff has been recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage, and/or the member of staff has relocated.

6. Distance

Those children who have applied for a place at the nearest school to their home address measured by the shortest walking route. This will be based on the child's address. Where the last place to be allocated would mean that a multiple birth sibling group i.e., twins, triplets, or other multiple birth sibling groups, would be split, the sibling group will be given priority over other children. Otherwise, if only one final place can be offered, and two applicants live equidistant from the Academy, the LA's system of random allocation will apply.

The distance from home to the Academy will be measured by computer on a straightline basis using the number and postcode of the house and the postcode of the Academy.

7. All other applicants Tiebreaker

Where an Academy is oversubscribed within any of the categories above the following tiebreakers will be applied:

- a) For those children who have applied for a place at the school nearest to their home address, priority will be given to those living closest to the nearest school measured by the shortest walking route.
- b) For other children, priority will be given to those children who live nearest to the school applied for.

In the unlikely event of the Academy being oversubscribed within categories 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 tiebreaker (b) will apply.

Notification of places

The formal offer of a place will be issued by Redcar and Cleveland LA who will write to parents/carers on **1 March 2027**.

Children in Receipt of a Local Authority Education Health Care Plan (Statement)

Any child who has a current EHCP/Statement of Special Needs naming Rye Hills Academy as the designated secondary school in Year 7 will be automatically admitted, unless the Academy has previously demonstrated (if necessary, to an independent tribunal) that to admit the child would not be in their best interests, unreasonable in terms of its impact on the Academy, or detrimental to health and safety.

Requests to Admit Children out of their Normal Age Group

All applications for children requesting admission outside their normal age group will be processed as outlined in the Redcar & Cleveland Admissions and Co-ordinated Scheme 2027/2028.

Late Applications

Applications received by the closing date take priority over late applications, however, applications which are received for very good reason after the closing date because of very exceptional circumstances may be

accepted and treated as an on-time application provided they are received before the allocation procedures begin. Parents/carers must provide clear evidence for the Admissions Authority to consider as to why they could not apply during the preference period. The determination of the Admissions Authority will be final.

Where families have moved to a new address after places have been allocated, preferences will only be agreed if places remain available at Rye Hills Academy. If Rye Hills Academy is full, a place will be offered by the Local Authority at the school closest to the home address with places available. Parents/carers whose child has been refused a school place for which they have applied will be offered the right to appeal against the decision.

Waiting lists/appeals

The Trust will maintain the waiting list. Positions on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant, they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

Unsuccessful applicants may also contact School Admissions, North East Learning Trust by telephone 0191 5634190 Option 1 or email schooladmissions@nelt.co.uk to be advised of their right to an Independent Appeal Panel and/or request to be included on the waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained until 31 December 2027.

Withdrawing an offer of a place

The Trust reserves the right to withdraw an offer of a place if:

- It was made in error.
- Parent/carer fails to respond to the offer of a place within the agreed deadline.
- It is established that the offer of a place was obtained through fraudulent or misleading application.

In-year admission to Rye Hills Academy

The Trust are responsible for managing in-year admissions, further information can be found in the Trust's In-Year Admission Policy.

The Published Admission Number for Nunthorpe Academy is 260

Areté Learning Trust (ALT) is the admission authority for Nunthorpe Academy. The Trust has determined that admission arrangements to academy will be managed by the local authority in line with their co-ordinated admission arrangements. Where there are more applications for a school than there are places available, it is proposed that places will be allocated using the over subscription criteria shown in the table below.

OVER - SUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA 2027/2028

CRITERIA (in priority order)	EXPLANATORY NOTES
i) Looked after children in local authority care.	Children who are looked after; or who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. This includes those who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. 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 (Section 22(1) of the Children's Act 1989).
Children who are permanently resident in the admission zone defined for the school.	For the purposes of determining whether a child lives within the admission zone, only the address at which the parent/guardian ordinarily resides and with whom the child normally lives will be taken into account. If parents are separated and the child lives for periods of time with both parents, the address used will be of the parent who receives child benefit for the child (if eligible). If neither parent is eligible for child benefit, the address used will be that on the child's medical registration card (proof may be required). Short term tenancies entered into with the prime objective of securing admission for a child at a particular school will not qualify as places of ordinary residence. The local authority will take action should false information be submitted in order to secure a place at a particular school.
(iii) Children not living in the admission zone who have elder brothers or sisters attending the school in the 2027/28 school year.	Brothers and sisters and step brothers and sisters will qualify under this criterion as long as they both live at the same permanent address and the elder sibling is still attending the preferred school in the 2027/28 school year. 'Sibling' refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.
(iv) Children not living within the admission zone who have exceptional social and/or medical reasons for attending a particular school, professionally supported by an independent third party and sustained by the Authority's professional advisors.	Social reasons generally do not include domestic circumstances such as parents' working commitments, childcare arrangements, or separation from friends. In the case of medical reasons, evidence would need to demonstrate the exceptional long-term nature of the condition. All mainstream schools are able to cater for a wide range of medical needs which may be encountered by children. You are strongly urged to provide independent third party information (e.g., from a professional person who knows or is involved with your child) in support of any exceptional long-term medical or social reason why you think your child should be given special consideration for placement in a particular school. This written support must make clear why the preferred school is the only school which could meet your child's needs. The submission of independent information will not automatically guarantee a place under this criterion. However, the evidence will be carefully considered by the local authority's professional advisors as to whether or not your application falls into this category.

(v) Children living closest to the school	The distance from home to school will be measured by computer on a straight line basis using the number and postcode of the house and the postcode of the school.
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Tie Breaker:

If it is necessary to distinguish between children within categories (i)-(iv), places will be offered using the criteria listed above in priority order and determined by criteria (v) - measurement on a straight line basis using the number and postcode of the house and the postcode of the school. In the case of a tie break in category (v) the final allocation will be determined using the shortest walking route using the number and postcode of the house and the postcode of the school.

Late Applications:

Applications received after the closing date will be considered after applications that were received on time unless there was good reason for their lateness. An example of this would be a new family moving to the area after the closing date

Waiting Lists:

Any unsuccessful applicants will be automatically placed on a waiting list and ranked in order as per the oversubscription criteria. Waiting lists will be maintained until the end of the Autumn Term 2027

Children with an EHCP:

Pupils with either an Education Health and Care Plan / formerly a Statement of Special Educational Needs will be placed in schools by the Special Educational Needs Team.

Admission of a child outside their normal age group:

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. In addition, parents of a summer born child (born between 1st April and 31st August) may choose not to send their child to school until the September following their 5th birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to reception rather than Year 1.

If you wish to request admission of a child outside of their normal year group, you should make an application for the normal time of entry and then contact the School Admissions Team who will provide advice and guidance on how to make a request for a deferred entry and more details on the process and timescales. The requests will then be considered in consultation with the school concerned and you will be notified of the outcome of your request. If the request is agreed, you should then submit a new application at the time applications are being taken for the new admission date.

Please note – the deferred application will be considered against all other applications for entry that year based upon a strict application of the admissions criteria and agreement to deferral does not automatically

Requests for mid-year transfer school admission:

Applications will be coordinated by the Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council Admissions Team on behalf of all schools within the borough. Any requests for transfer should be made to the admissions team on 01642 837740.

Timetable for the co-ordinated admission arrangements 2027/28

31 October 2026	• Closing date for receipt of online and paper applications
1 March 2027	NATIONAL OFFER DAY • LA sends letters to all parents informing them of the allocated schools • LA informs schools of final offers
May – July 2027	• Appeals to be heard by Independent Panels
31 December 2027	• Admission round ends • Waiting lists close



Sacred Heart Catholic Academy

Part of the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust



The planned admission number for September 2027 is 150.

Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary was founded by the Catholic Church to provide education for baptised Catholic children. The school is run by the Board of Directors of Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its Trust Deed and Articles of Association and seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ.

All Main Round and In-year applications must be conducted in accordance with the September 2021 School Admissions Code and School Admission Appeals Code published 1st October 2022. Whenever there are more applications than places available, priority will always be given to Catholic applicants in accordance with the oversubscription criteria listed below.

The Board of Directors of the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for determining the school's admissions policy. The operational implementation of the Admissions policy is delegated to the Governing Body of the school, although the Admissions Authority reserves the right to deal directly with admissions requests if and when deemed necessary.

The named feeder schools are the primary schools within Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust. These are:

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School (Middlesbrough)	Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (Middlesbrough)
St Alphonsus' Catholic Primary School (Middlesbrough)	St Augustine's Catholic Primary School (Middlesbrough)
St Bede's Catholic Primary School (Redcar and Cleveland)	St Benedict's Catholic Primary School (Redcar and Cleveland)
St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School (Middlesbrough)	St Clare's Catholic Primary School (Middlesbrough)
St Edward's Catholic Primary School (Middlesbrough)	St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School (Redcar and Cleveland)
St Gerard's Catholic Primary School (Middlesbrough)	St Hedda's Catholic Primary School (North Yorkshire)
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Middlesbrough)	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Redcar and Cleveland)
St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School (Redcar and Cleveland)	St Mary's Catholic Primary School (Redcar and Cleveland)
St Paulinus Catholic Primary School (Redcar and Cleveland)	St Pius X Catholic Primary School (Middlesbrough)
St Thomas More Catholic Primary School (Middlesbrough)	

How and when to apply

Applications must be made on the Local Authority Common Application Form. Parents applying to a Catholic School should also complete the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) as if the school is oversubscribed; the information contained within the SIF will allow the Board of Directors to identify which oversubscription criteria your application is to be considered against. All forms must be returned by the closing date set by the Local Authority. Failure to provide a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) could affect the category your application is placed in. Please note that it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to complete all forms and supply evidence – reminders will not be sent.

Children with an Educational Health and Care Plan which after formal consultation names our school in their plan will be admitted to the school.

Late Applications

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Oversubscription Criteria

Where there are insufficient places available to meet all parental preferences, priority will be given to applications in the following order:

(First priority in each category will be given to siblings (see note 3) that is, children who will have older brothers or sisters attending the academy in September 2027).

(1) Catholic 'looked after children' or children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order 91 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. 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) Catholic children from our named NPCAT feeder schools.

(3) Catholic children of members of school staff who have been employed at the school or its predecessor school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made.

(4) Other Catholic children.

(5) Other 'looked after children' or children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order⁹¹ 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. 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).

(6) Other children from our named NPCAT feeder schools who do not meet criteria 1 to 5.

(7) Other children of members of school staff who have been employed at the school or its predecessor school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made.

(8) Children from other Christian denominations (see note 2).

(9) Other children.

Additional Notes

1. Definition of Catholic

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2. Definition of children of other Christian denominations.

“Children of other Christian denominations” means: children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledging God’s revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God’s will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves: to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. An ecclesial community which on principle has no credal statements in its tradition, is included if it manifests faith in Christ as witnessed to in the Scriptures and is committed to working in the spirit of the above. All members of Churches Together in England and of CYTÛN are deemed to be included in the above definition, as are all other churches and ecclesial communities that are in membership of any local Churches Together Group (by whatever title) on the above basis. All applicants seeking admission under any of criteria 8 will be asked to provide evidence that they are members of another Christian denomination. A baptismal certificate or a letter from their religious leader will suffice.

3. Definition of Sibling

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4. Multiple Births

For twins and multiple births, where only 1 place remains the additional child(ren) will also be offered a place in school.

5. Admission of a child outside their normal age group

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Tie-breaker

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Right of Appeal

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Home Address

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If parents wish for their child to obtain a place at the school in any year group at any point after the 2027/28 academic year has commenced, they should apply using the relevant Local Authority In-year admissions application form. Verbal or written requests direct to school cannot be accepted as official applications.

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St Peter's Catholic College

A member of the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust



The published admission number for September 2027 is 120.

St Peter's Catholic College was founded by the Catholic Church to provide education for baptised Catholic children. The school is run by the Board of Directors of Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its Trust Deed and Articles of Association and seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ.

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Atypical Year of Entry School

The DFE has placed a requirement on Local Authorities to inform parents who have a child in Year 9 of another opportunity for education when they would be commencing Year 10 of their education, that they

may not be aware of. This does not mean that you are required to move your child from their existing school if this is still the best option for them. Most students start secondary school in Year 7, when they're aged 11-12, and stay there until they finish their education. But at some secondary schools, students start when they're much older - usually aged 14-15 (Year 10).

These schools which have atypical admission ages; enrol pupils at a different age to typical 11-18 secondary schools; they are University Technology Colleges and Studio Schools. The Local Authority is required to inform you of the availability of these types of settings when they are within a reasonable distance travelling distance of the local area.

There are two types of schools with atypical admission ages - university technical colleges (UTCs) and studio schools. You can find out [more about UTCs and studio schools](#) on GOV.UK.

University technical colleges (UTCs)

UTCs are colleges set up by universities and businesses. They specialise in one or two technical subjects. At GCSE level, they offer a similar curriculum to a typical secondary school, including the basics of English and maths, as well as their specialist subject.

Below is a list of schools in the north east and North Yorkshire area with atypical admission ages.

NE Futures UTC

Address: Stephenson Square, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 3AS

Phone: 0191 917 9888

[NE Futures UTC](#) offers innovative ways of learning for 14-19 year olds. Students gain practical experience with employers, which complements the mainstream GCSE and A-Level curriculum. The UTC provides pathways to employment in IT and healthcare sciences. Students could gain skills in, for example, game development, artificial intelligence, or developing healthcare treatments.

Scarborough UTC

Address: 1 Ashburn Road, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, YO11 2JW

Phone: 01723 821621

[Scarborough UTC](#) is a 14-19 school, sponsored by leading employers in the fields of engineering and product design, as well as the University of Hull. Alongside core GCSEs and A-Levels in subjects like English, maths, and science, students can study Level 2 and Level 3 technical qualifications in engineering and product design.

UTC South Durham

Address: Long Tens Way, Aycliffe Business Park, DL5 6AP

Phone: 01325 430250

[UTC South Durham](#) was founded by the University of Sunderland, Hitachi Rail Europe, and Gestamp Tallent. Students in Years 10 and 11 study engineering along with the core GCSE subjects of English language and literature, maths, sciences, and a range of other GCSEs. They visit companies and work on projects led by local businesses.

Studio schools

Studio schools are small schools (usually with around 300 pupils) which teach mainstream qualifications through project-based learning. This means working in realistic situations as well as learning academic subjects. Students work with local employers and a personal coach, and follow a curriculum designed to give them the skills and qualifications they need in work or further education. There are currently no studio schools in the area.

General Information

Mid-Year Admissions to Secondary School in Redcar & Cleveland Authority

Families who move into the area who require a place(s) at a Redcar & Cleveland Secondary school can consult the Redcar and Cleveland website where they can download the form to apply. Parents will be advised on the application process, once the application has been completed and returned, we will forward onto the individual academies for which a preference was made. Should you not find the information you are looking for on the website, please contact the School Admissions Team. Once an Academy has confirmed they have places available, a start date will only be confirmed after a meeting with the Headteacher has taken place, this will be arranged directly by the school itself. Should however a parent request a place at a school that has no places available, they will be informed by the School Admissions Team about the appeals process and availability in other schools.

In the case of house moves or permanent exclusion from secondary school, a transfer of school may be unavoidable. At other times the decision to change a child's school will need extremely careful consideration.

Factors parents are asked to take account of include, the availability of GCSE examination subjects, changes in friendship groups and the general disruption to studies inevitably caused by change. Parents should also consider the fact that a transfer is not guaranteed to solve any problems a child may be experiencing at school. A child could only transfer to another Redcar & Cleveland secondary school if places are available. Parents are advised to consult staff at the child's present school to discuss the reasons for a transfer, if they then still wish for the transfer to proceed then an application form will be provided. Parents are required to ensure that their child(ren) maintain attendance by remaining at their current school until the application for transfer is considered by the admission authority.

Fair Access Protocol

Fair Access Protocols exist to ensure that unplaced children, especially the most vulnerable, are offered a place at a suitable school as quickly as possible and to ensure that all schools in a LA area admit their fair share of children with challenging behaviour. All secondary schools within Redcar and Cleveland Authority have agreed to admit children through the protocol. Those children identified by the LA will take precedence over children on a waiting list who are already attending another school.

Holidays during term time

Holidays in term time can affect your child's education and future life prospects, particularly for those children and young people with existing attendance problems, struggling with education or being absent at crucial times in the school year.

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council is committed to working in partnership with families and schools to manage and reduce school absence due to term time holidays.

Amendments to the 2006 regulations remove references to family holidays and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days.

The amendments make clear that headteachers/principles may not grant leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Headteachers/principles should determine the number of days that a child can be away from school if the leave is granted. These regulations came into effect from the 1st September 2013.

Most parents acknowledge the need for these absences to be managed carefully to avoid having a detrimental impact on their child's education and do co-operate with their child's school, however, a number of parents continue to take their children out of school without the authorisation of the Headteacher/principle.

The government has introduced legislation allowing our local authority to issue penalty notices to parents who fail to ensure their children attend school and this is incorporated within our school attendance procedures. All schools within Redcar and Cleveland are encouraged to adopt a common leave of absence policy to ensure legal compliance.

Parents should provide **at least one month** advance notice in writing of any planned absence, the Headteacher/principle has the discretion to authorise leave of absence in exceptional circumstances. The government made changes to the legislation in August 2024.

Generally, the DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.

These changes mean that there is now a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

The amount payable under the first Penalty Notice is £160 if paid within 28 days beginning on the date which the notice is received. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days, beginning on the date which the notice is received.

Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be charged at a higher rate of £160 with no option for this second offence to be discharged at the lower rate of £80.

No one parent will receive more than 2 penalty notices for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) other options will be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).

For further information or advice, [please contact the team by emailing: AWS@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](mailto:AWS@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk)

All schools should publish their formal holiday policy on an annual basis. Any leave of absence taken without approval will be recorded as an unauthorised holiday absence (Code G). The Local Authority Policy and Code of Conduct are available [Leave of absence policy | Redcar and Cleveland](#)

The Families' Information Service

The Families' Information Service provides information, advice and guidance for parents, carers, practitioners and children on the wide range of services and activities/events available for children and young people aged 0-20 years old.

To contact the Families Information Service, please call 01642 444532 or FIS@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

School Choice Advice

The School Choice Advice Service is an independent and impartial service available to support parents and carers who are applying for a school place for their child. Through the service, you can access information and guidance about local schools and the school admissions process.

The School Choice Adviser is here to listen to parents and carers questions and concerns about applying for a school place and to provide further information including:

- Admission Policies
- School Ofsted Reports
- Oversubscription Criteria
- Term Dates
- School Specialisms
- School Admission Appeals

Individual help is available to assist parents/carers with the completion of the school place application form. If a parent is unable to secure a place for their child at their most preferred school, the School Choice Adviser can provide support and guidance to help them through the school admission appeal process.

For more information, please contact christine.morris@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk or call 01642 444539.

Is my child entitled to free school meals?

A child can receive a Free School meal if their parent or guardian meets the following conditions:

1. They receive Universal Credit
2. They receive Guaranteed Pension Credit
3. They receive support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

I have no recourse to public funds is my child entitled to a free school meal

If you are a low income household your child may be eligible for a free school meal even if you are not entitled to any benefits in the United Kingdom. Entitlement will be assessed using government income thresholds.

My child is in reception are they entitled to a free school meal?

All children in reception, year one and year two, are automatically entitled to free school meals.

But if you think you may qualify for grants and benefits based Free School meals and are in receipt of the benefits stated above then we would advise you to make a claim.

How do I apply?

Online You can [apply by clicking here](#) or you can also print a copy of the Free School Meals application form below:

- [Free School Meals - Application Form.pdf \(PDF, 229.81KB\)](#)
- We prefer claims to be submitted on the portal where possible as forms can be completed incorrectly and we plan to withdraw forms unless there are exceptional circumstances

If you have **no recourse to public funds** and cannot apply online you will need to use the application form below:

- [NRPF - FSM Application Form.docx \(DOCX, 71.35KB\)](#)

Paper printed application forms can be handed in at your child's school; or you can take a photograph of the pages on the form and email it to educationalbenefits@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk; or you can hand it in or post it to: Educational Benefits Department, Redcar & Cleveland House, Kirkleatham Street, Redcar, TS10 1RT

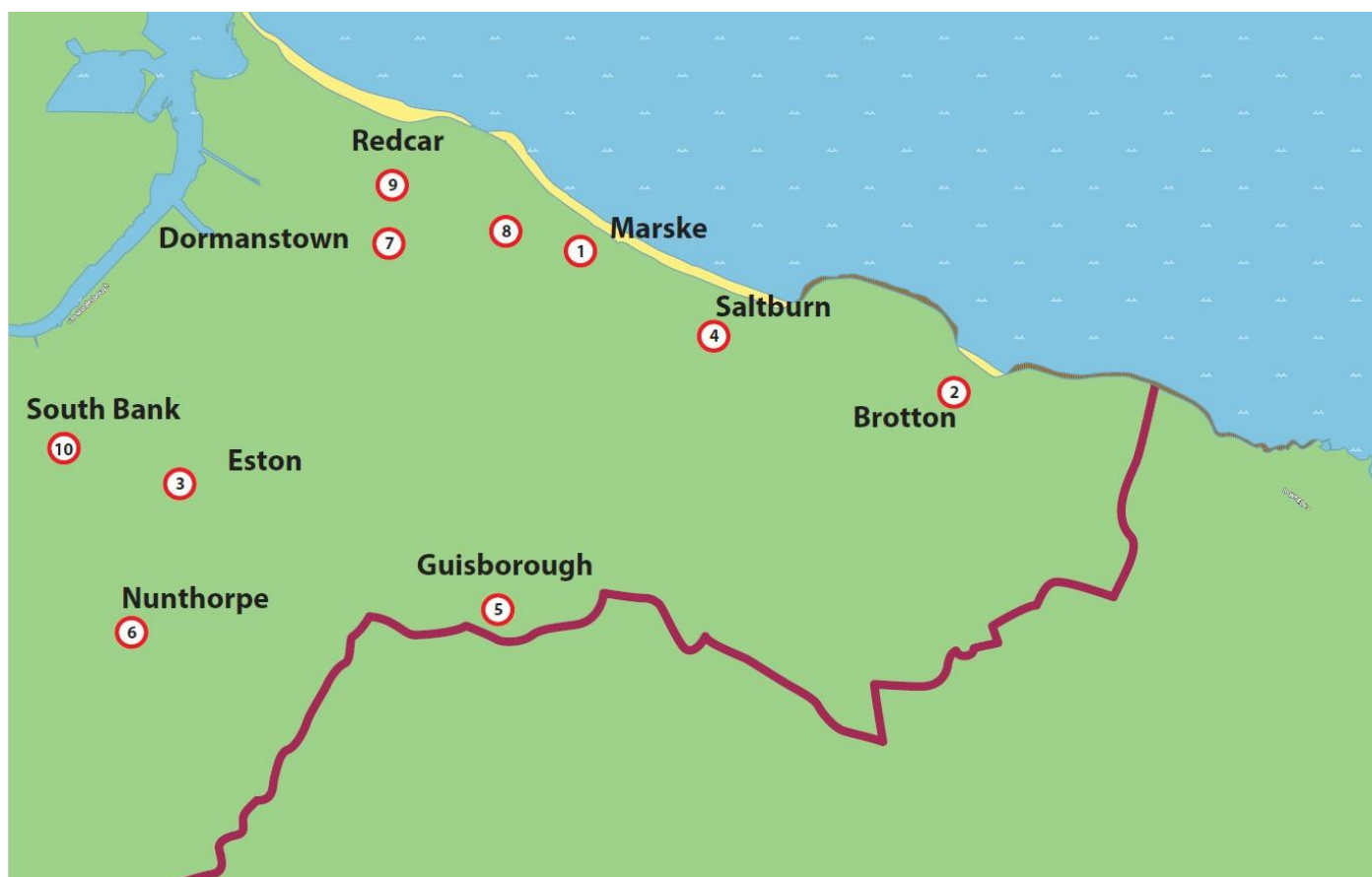
The Free School Meals Team can be contacted by telephoning 01642 774774 or by emailing educationalbenefits@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk. More information is available on our website [Free school meals | Redcar and Cleveland](#).

REDCAR & CLEVELAND SECONDARY ACADEMIES

Secondary academies in Redcar & Cleveland including a map which shows the location of each school.

The school catchment area finder tool to find school catchment areas in the borough is available on our website - [School Catchment Area Finder | Redcar and Cleveland](#)

Map No.	School
1	Outwood Academy Bydales
2	Freebrough Academy
3	Outwood Academy Normanby
4	Huntcliff Academy
5	Laurence Jackson Academy
6	Nunthorpe Academy
7	Outwood Academy Redcar
8	Rye Hills Academy
9	Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy
10	St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy



School and Address	Contact details		Status (Admissions Authority)	Age Range	Published Admission Number (PAN)
Outwood Academy Bydales Coast Road, Marske-by-the Sea, Redcar TS11 6AR Website: http://www.bydales.outwood.com/	enquiries@bydales.outwood.com	01642 474000	Academy	11-16	150
Outwood Academy Normanby Normanby Road, South Bank, Middlesbrough, TS6 9AG Website: http://www.normanby.outwood.com/	enquiries@normanby.outwood.com	01642 454577	Academy	11-16	150
Freebrough Academy Linden Road, Brotton, Saltburn, TS12 2SJ Website: https://fa.northerneducationtrust.org/	freebrough.enquiries@northerneducationtrust.org	01287 676305	Academy	11-16	180
Huntcliff School Marske Mill Lane, Saltburn, TS12 1HJ Website: https://huntcliff.co.uk/	enquiries@huntcliff.co.uk	01287 621010	Academy	11-16	112
Laurence Jackson Academy Church Lane, Guisborough, TS14 6RD Website: http://www.laurencejackson.org/	reception@laurencejackson.org	01287 636361	Academy	11-16	250
Nunthorpe Academy Guisborough Road, Middlesbrough, TS7 0LA Website: www.nunthorpe.co.uk	office@nunthorpe-alt.uk	01642 310561	Academy	11-16	260
Outwood Academy Redcar Kirkleatham Lane, Redcar, TS10 4AB Website: www.redcar.outwood.com	enquiries@redcar.outwood.com	01642 289211	Academy	11-16	150
Rye Hills Academy Redcar Lane, Redcar, TS10 2HN Website: www.ryehillsacademy.co.uk	enquiries@ryehillsacademy.co.uk	01642 484269	Academy	11-16	150
Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary School Mersey Road, Redcar, TS10 1PJ Website: https://sacredheart.npcat.org.uk/	enquiries@sacredheart.npcat.org.uk	01642 487100	Academy	11-16	150
St Peter's Catholic College Normanby Road, South Bank, Middlesbrough, TS6 6SP Website: https://stpeters.npcat.org.uk/	enquiries@stpeters.npcat.org.uk	01642 453462	Academy	11-16	120

Local Authority	Telephone Number	Email Address
Middlesbrough School Admissions Middlesbrough Council, PO Box 500, Middlesbrough, TS1 9FT	01642 201891 / 201890	schooladmissions@middlesbrough.gov.uk
North Yorkshire School Admissions	01609 533679	schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk
Stockton School Admissions Team Dunedin House, Columbia Drive, Stockton-on-Tees, TS17 6BJ	01642 526605	school.admissions@stockton.gov.uk
Darlington School Admissions Team Town Hall, Darlington, DL1 5AT	01325 406333	schools.admissions@darlington.gov.uk
Hartlepool School Admissions Team Civic Centre, Victoria Rd, Hartlepool TS24 8AY	01429 523765	admissionsteam@hartlepool.gov.uk

Useful Contacts – Redcar and Cleveland authority staff who can provide advice on a range of educational matters.

Team	Telephone Number	Email Address
School Choice Adviser - Christine Morris	01642 444539	Christine.morris@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
Free School Meals	01642 774774	educationalbenefits@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
School Transport	01642 444998 or 01642 444974	Transport@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
Special Educational Needs	01642 304547	sen@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
School Attendance and Welfare Service	01642 837738	AWS@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

School Admissions Team
Redcar & Cleveland House, Redcar, TS10 1RT

<https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions>

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