

## Admission to Secondary School September 2027: A quick guide to the application process

In September 2027, your child will be due to transfer to Secondary School.

This leaflet contains a basic guide to the application process and some information about the allocation of school places. A full version of the booklet “A Guide for Parents – Secondary Education in Redcar & Cleveland 2027-2028”, which gives details of all the secondary academies admission policies for 2027-2028, is available on the Redcar and Cleveland website - [starting-secondary-school](#)

A copy can also be obtained by emailing the School Admissions Team – [SchoolsAdmissions@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](mailto:SchoolsAdmissions@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk)

The timetable for the application process is as follows and the important dates are shown.

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| W/C 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026 | Application packs posted to the home address              |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2026     | Online application website opens                          |
| September / October 2026           | Academy Open Evenings for pupils and parents              |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2026      | Closing date for receipt of online and paper applications |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2027         | National Allocation Offer Day                             |
| May – July 2027                    | Appeals to be heard by Independent Panels                 |
| End of Autumn Term 2027            | Secondary Year 7 waiting lists close                      |

If you need any help with the application process, you can contact the independent School Choice Adviser Christine Morris on 01642 444539 who will be able to assist you on all aspects of applying for a school place.

### **Change of address**

If you move address during the application and appeal process, you must notify the School Admissions Section you will be asked to provide evidence of the new address. Where address evidence is requested, and the evidence received and verified, the new address details will be updated on the pupil's record.

### **Admissions (Oversubscription) Criteria**

Sometimes there are more applications for schools than there are places available. This is what is meant when a school is said to be oversubscribed. If this is the case, then places are offered up to the school's Published Admission Limit using their oversubscription criteria included in their Admissions Policy.

Parents are advised to read the admissions criteria for the schools in which they wish to apply for as admissions criteria can differ between schools. The oversubscription criteria can be found on the academies own websites or as part of their admissions arrangements or in the full version of the parent's guide which is available on the Redcar and Cleveland website. If parents have any queries or require assistance the School's Choice Adviser can help support parents with the application process. The School Admissions Section is also available for advice and guidance on the admissions application process.

As part of their admissions arrangements each academy will set an admission number of pupils which will be admitted into the year group. The below table shows the Published Admission Numbers for the Secondary Academies for the admissions round for September 2025.

| <b>SCHOOL NAME</b>                            | <b>PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBER</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Freebrough Academy                            | 180                               |
| Huntcliff Academy                             | 112                               |
| Laurence Jackson Academy                      | 250                               |
| Nunthorpe Academy                             | 260                               |
| Outwood Academy Bydales                       | 150                               |
| Outwood Academy Normanby                      | 150                               |
| Outwood Academy Redcar                        | 150                               |
| Rye Hills Academy                             | 150                               |
| Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Voluntary Academy | 150                               |
| St Peter's Roman Catholic Voluntary Academy   | 120                               |

To assist parents with the application process each academy will have an open evening where parents and children can attend and also provide information on their own websites. The below table provides contact details, webpages, and the open evening for each academy within the borough.

| <b>Academy Name</b>             | <b>Telephone Number / School Web page</b>                                                                 | <b>Open Evenings</b>                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Freebrough Academy              | 01287 676305<br><a href="https://fa.northerneducationtrust.org">https://fa.northerneducationtrust.org</a> | Tuesday 22nd September - 5.00pm - 7.00pm               |
| Huntcliff Academy               | 01287 621010<br><a href="https://www.huntcliff.co.uk">https://www.huntcliff.co.uk</a>                     | Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 5.00pm-7.00pm      |
| Laurence Jackson Academy        | 01287 636361<br><a href="https://www.laurencejackson.org">https://www.laurencejackson.org</a>             | Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September - 4.00pm - 6.00pm |
| Nunthorpe Academy               | 01642 310561<br><a href="https://www.nunthorpe.co.uk">https://www.nunthorpe.co.uk</a>                     | Monday 21st September - 4.00pm - 6.00pm                |
| Outwood Academy Bydales         | 01642 474000<br><a href="https://www.bydales.outwood.com">https://www.bydales.outwood.com</a>             | Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September - 6.00pm - 8.00pm   |
| Outwood Academy Normanby        | 01642 454577<br><a href="https://www.normanby.outwood.com">https://www.normanby.outwood.com</a>           | Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September - 5.00pm - 7.00pm   |
| Outwood Academy Redcar          | 01642 289211<br><a href="https://www.redcar.outwood.com">https://www.redcar.outwood.com</a>               | Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 4.00mp-6.00pm      |
| Rye Hills Academy               | 01642 484269<br><a href="http://www.ryehillsacademy.co.uk">http://www.ryehillsacademy.co.uk</a>           | Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September – 5.00pm – 7.00pm |
| Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary | 01642 487100<br><a href="https://sacredheart.npcat.org.uk">https://sacredheart.npcat.org.uk</a>           | Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September - 5.00pm - 7.00pm   |
| St. Peter's Catholic College    | 01642 453462<br><a href="https://stpeters.npcat.org.uk">https://stpeters.npcat.org.uk</a>                 | Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 5.00pm - 7.00pm        |

### **Useful Contact Details**

| <b>Team</b>                              | <b>Telephone Number</b>      | <b>Email Address</b>                        |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| School Admissions Team                   | 01642 837740                 | SchoolsAdmissions@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk   |
| Choice Adviser -<br>Christine Morris     | 01642 444539                 | Christine.morris@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk    |
| Free School Meals                        | 01642 774774                 | educationalbenefits@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk |
| School Transport                         | 01642 444998<br>01642 444974 | Transport@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk           |
| Special Educational<br>Needs             | 01642 304547                 | sen@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk                 |
| School Attendance and<br>Welfare Service | 01642 837738                 | AWS@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk                 |

### **Contact Details of Neighbouring Local Authorities**

#### **Middlesbrough Council**

**Phone: 01642 201891 / 201890**

**Email: [schooladmissions@middlesbrough.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@middlesbrough.gov.uk)**

#### **North Yorkshire County Council**

**Tel: 01609 533679**

**Email: [schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk)**

#### **Stockton Borough Council**

**Phone: 01642 526605**

**Email: [school.admissions@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@stockton.gov.uk)**

#### **Darlington Borough Council**

**Phone: 01325 406333**

**Email: [schools.admissions@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:schools.admissions@darlington.gov.uk)**

#### **Hartlepool Borough Council**

**Phone: 01429 523765**

**Email: [admissionsteam@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:admissionsteam@hartlepool.gov.uk)**