

The Trustees of the Gosforth Group have made this Final Determination of admissions arrangements for entry into North Gosforth Academy Year 7 in 2025 and in-year admissions to all years.

## **NORTH GOSFORTH ACADEMY ADMISSION POLICY FOR 2025 ENTRY (Year 7)**

North Gosforth Academy has a co-educational comprehensive intake. We have a PAN of 120 for Year 7 admissions. If there are more places at the Academy than applicants, every child who wants a place will be offered a place.

The Admissions Authority for the Gosforth Group are the Trustees, who are responsible for determining and applying this policy. This Admission Policy has been formally adopted by the Trustees.

Applications for school places are co-ordinated by the local authority (North Tyneside) in accordance with the published time scales in the co-ordinated admission scheme.

Parents wishing to apply for a place at North Gosforth Academy should complete the common application form provided by the local authority and return it by the required date.

In accordance with the Education Act 1996, children with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) are required to be admitted to the school named in the plan. Thereafter the following oversubscription criteria will apply.

### **The Oversubscription Criteria for North Gosforth Academy (Year 7 intake)**

1. Looked after children in the care of a local authority in the UK, children who were previously looked after by a local authority in the UK or who appear to the admissions authority to have been in state care outside of the UK, but immediately afterwards became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or Special Guardianship Order. Evidence of the appropriate order must be submitted before the closing date for applications. **See definitions below.**
2. Pupils who live within the catchment area of the school (pupils in this category with a sibling link (an older brother or sister) who will be attending the school at the time of admission will be given priority).
3. Sibling link (an older brother or sister) to include adoptive siblings, half siblings, step siblings and long term fostered children residing at the same address and who will be attending the school at the time of admission.
4. Shortest distance measured as a straight line from a single fixed central point of the home address (including flats) to the central point of the school using the



Local Land and Property Gazetteer and the Council's Geographical Information System (GIS) system.

***N.B The above distance measurement will also be used as a 'tiebreaker' within each criterion, if necessary. In the case of flats if there is more than one home address with the same measurement the flat with the lowest number will be offered the place. In all other cases of the same measurement, random allocation will be used.***

## **Definitions**

A looked after child is a child who is in the care of a local authority in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the time the application for admission to school is made and whom the local authority has confirmed will still be looked after at the date of admission. 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.

An **Adoption Order** is an order made under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

A **Child Arrangement Order** is an order outlining the arrangements as to the person with whom the child will live under section 8 of the Children Act 1989.

A **Special Guardianship Order** is an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian or guardians.

## **Late Applications**

If you return your application after the closing date your application will be classed as Late unless exceptional circumstances exist.

## **Equal Preference System**

The Trustees operate an equal preference system for processing applications. This means at the first stage there will be no distinction between first, second or third preference applications. Therefore, all applications will be considered equally against the admission criteria. If a pupil qualifies for a place at more than one school the parent's highest ranked preference will be offered and any lower ranking offers will be disregarded.

## **Parental Responsibility**

When considering your application the Trustees will use the parental home residence of the Parent/Carer who receives the child benefit for the child/ren or who would have received it.

## **Waiting lists**

If admission is not granted you will have the opportunity to place your child's name on a waiting list(s). You may wish to place your child's name on a waiting list for more than one school. Children are placed on the waiting list according to the oversubscription criteria regardless of when their application was received. Within each criterion their place is ordered by shortest distance to the school measured in a straight line, from a single fixed central point of the home address (including flats) to the central point of the school using



the Local Land and Property Gazetteer and the Council's Geographical Information System (GIS), with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority.

If pupil numbers fall below the published admission number the place will be offered to the child at the top of the waiting list. This means a child who is on the waiting list will move down the list if another late application is received that falls within a higher priority under the oversubscription criteria.

Waiting lists for schools will be held for one term in the academic year i.e. 31 December 2025; no list will be held by any individual school or the Local Authority after this date. Beyond 31st December, parents seeking admission should apply for a place via North Tyneside Local Authority by completing the common application form. The same applies to all in-year admissions.

In year admissions may be made above the PAN but not when it would prejudice the provision of efficient education or efficient use of resources.

Parents applying for an in-year place will be notified of the outcome of their application in writing within ten school days. Details of the number of places available in any year group will be made available within two school days upon request.

Parents who are unsuccessful in obtaining a place have a statutory right of appeal. Parents should contact the Academy for an Appeal Form.

The completed form and accompanying statement setting out grounds for appeal should be returned to the Academy and marked "For the attention of Clerk to the Appeals Panel".

### **General Information**

**Principal:** Mr P Fox

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**Tel Number:** 0191 236 1700

**Email:** admin@northgosforth.co.uk

**Type:** Academy

**Age Range:** 11 – 16

**PAN:** 120

**Expected number on roll:** 593

Please see North Tyneside Council website for timetable of dates.

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/129/school-admissions>

**Approved by the Board of Trustees on 18 January 2024**

