



Atlantic Academy Portland

an Aspirations Academy

Admissions Policy

Based on the Aspirations Academy Trust SEND Policy

Admissions Policy, 2017	This Policy has been subject to consultation with the recognised trade unions but has not been jointly agreed. Despite the absence of joint agreement about the Policy, The Trust has decided to implement the Policy with effect from 1 September 2017.

Date of last review	2017	Review period	
Date of next review	2019	Owner	
Type of policy		LAB or Board review	

Atlantic Academy Portland is a learning environment at the heart of its community. We promote care, respect and responsibility and expect high standards in all aspects of Academy life.

This policy, and its associated procedures and protocols, is based on these key principles.

Introduction

The Academy has an admission number of 90 in the Reception Year and 150 in Year 7.

The Academy will accordingly provide for the admission of 90 pupils in each year from Reception to Year 6 and for 150 pupils from Year 7 to Year 11 if sufficient applicants for entry are received (noting that pupils in Year 6 will automatically progress to Year 7). Where fewer than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year groups are received the Academy Trust will offer places at the Academy for all those who have applied.

Oversubscription Policy

Our policy for allocating school places is designed to be as fair as possible while ensuring that resources are used sensibly. Any school's resources, such as teachers and classrooms, have to be used carefully to ensure the best possible standards for education and a safe environment. If no limit were set on the number of pupils that can go to a school each year, these standards couldn't be maintained. When applying for a school place and no places are available, the preference will be refused for all applicants. When applying for a school place and there are some places available, but more applications for places than places available, then the oversubscription criteria as laid out below will be applied. The applicant who meets the highest priority of these criteria will be offered the place. Other applicants will be refused.

Oversubscription criteria

When the Academy is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with Statements of Special Educational Needs where the school is named in the Statement, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

(1) Looked after children

(2) Pupils 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 we 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. We will not offer places within this category, based on a child's ability or intelligence.

(3) Pupils whose siblings currently attend the school 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 live together in the same household, including step-siblings, are children of the same household.

(4) Pupils whose normal address is in the Portland Academy catchment area at the time of their application to the Academy

(5) Children whose normal address is outside the catchment area, based on distance from the Academy.

(6) Other children

* (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.) If in categories 2-5 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the school will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child's home to the front gates of the school in a straight line.

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

Waiting lists

The Academy will operate a waiting list for each year group. Where in any year the Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the first term after the beginning of the school year. The list will be maintained by the Academy Trust and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application. Children's position 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.