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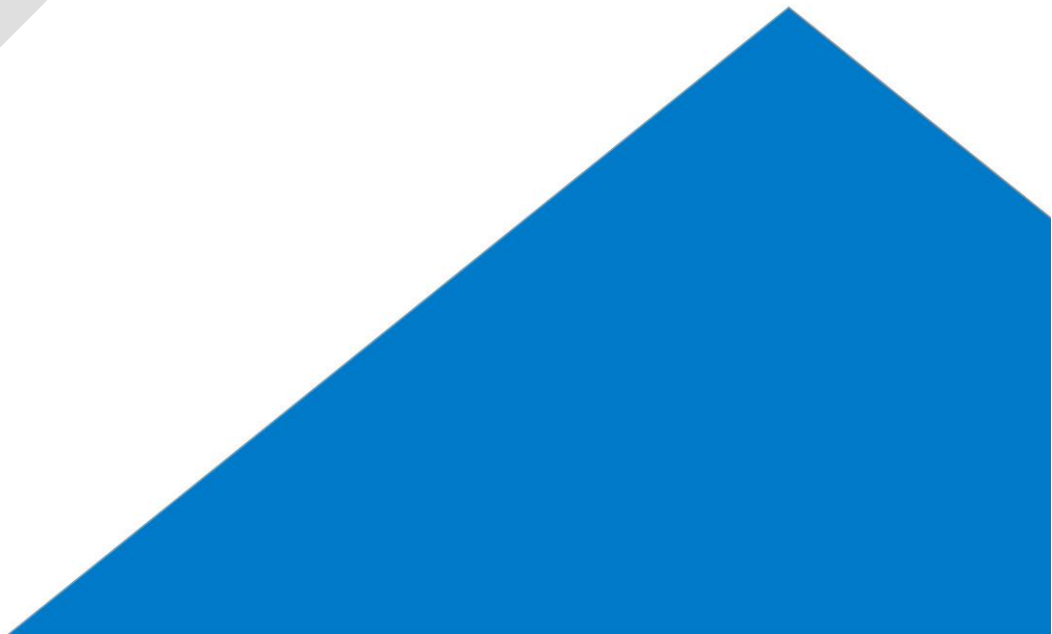
# **Policy Statement Admissions 2017**

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## KEPIER ADMISSIONS 2017

The admissions policy is applied if the number of applications exceeds the number of places available. The admissions authority acknowledges the rights of parents/carers to express a first choice preference for the Academy. However parental preference cannot be considered where the Academy is over-subscribed in a particular year.

The governing body intends to admit up to 230 pupils to Year 7 in total in September 2016. This number includes the 20 children who will be selected on the basis of aptitude.

The Governing Body of Kepier, as the admissions authority, will admit students to the Academy in accordance with the following criteria in the following order of priority. However there is no guarantee of a place for children living in our priority admissions area (or attending the named feeder schools).

1. **'Child in Care'** – a child who is looked after by a Local Authority, in accordance with Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989 or a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so, because of adoption (or become subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
2. **Children selected on the basis of aptitude.**
  - There are up to 20 places available in total to learners who fulfil the following criteria on the basis of aptitude:
  - The individual learner must be identified by an independent professional soccer training company who is the partner provider with Kepier Academy. (A pupil with aptitude is one who demonstrates a particular capacity to succeed in playing soccer. In determining allocations the governing body will consider whether a child has an aptitude for soccer, a particular capacity to learn or to develop skills in soccer and will benefit from particular expertise and facilities in the academy).
3. **Attendance in Key Stage 2 (age 7-10+) at a designated cluster junior or primary school namely:**
  - a. Bernard Gilpin.
  - b. Burnside.
  - c. Dubmire.
  - d. East Rainton.
  - e. Gillas Lane.
  - f. Newbottle.
  - g. Shiney Row.
4. **A sibling link** – an older brother/sister or older child (including adoptive and step children) that shares the same parent/carer and lives at the same address, who will still be attending Kepier Academy at the time of admission.



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- 5. Exceptional medical or psychological reasons** (you must include a medical or psychological report, prepared by a professional, to confirm information that you include in this section. This report should explain why only this Academy could meet your child's medical or psychological needs. Common childhood medical conditions such as asthma or giving a child's nervousness at starting new school as a psychological reason for choosing a particular school are unlikely to be accepted as exceptional). If you intend to use this criterion when expressing a preference, please contact the School Admissions Team before completing the application form. (Eligibility under this category will be considered by a meeting of the Academy Governors).
- 6. Pupils for whom preferences are expressed on grounds other than those outlined above.**

Within each of the above, places will be offered on the basis of distance from the centre of the home address to the main entrance of the Academy. Distance is measured by the shortest safest walking distance, using a geographical information system (GIS), with priority being given to those students that live closest to the Academy.

Where a learner has a statement of special education need, naming a school, a place will be offered at that school (subject to confirmation by the SEN Unit).

At the first stage of allocations there will be no distinction between 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> etc. preference applications. Therefore all applications will be considered equally against the admission criteria. If a learner then 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.

In determining allocations, priority will be given to those applications where the parental preference is received by the published deadline date.

If information supplied by parents/carers is not correct, the offer of a place at Kepier Academy can be withdrawn.

Parents who are refused a place have a statutory right of appeal. Further details of the appeals process are available by writing to the Chairman of the Governors at the Academy address.