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Kepier Learner Admissions Policy 2028

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Introduction

The admissions policy is applied if the number of applications exceeds the number of places available at Kepier. Kepier is an academy within Eden Learning Trust (**Trust**). The Trust is the admission authority for Kepier and is responsible for formally determining the admission arrangements for each year's intake of pupils at Kepier in accordance with the requirements of the School Admissions Code (**Code**).

Kepier's admission arrangements are determined and implemented by the Trust Board, who are assisted by the Admissions Officer.

The admissions authority acknowledges the rights of parents/carers to express a first choice preference for Kepier. However, where Kepier is over-subscribed in a particular year, the oversubscription criteria set out in this admissions policy shall apply.

Kepier's published admission number is 260 pupils for entry to Year 7. Kepier will therefore admit up to 260 pupils in the relevant age group, each year, if sufficient applications are received. All applicants will be admitted if fewer than 260 apply.

All children whose Education, Health and Care Plan (**EHCP**) names Kepier shall be admitted.

Kepier shall consent to being named by the Local Authority on an EHCP unless admitting the applicant would be incompatible with the provision of efficient education for other children, and where no reasonable steps may be made to address this. When making the decision, Kepier shall have regard to the relevant guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Education.

Criteria

Admission is open to all pupils without regard to their sex, race, religion or ability.

In the event the number of applications exceeds Kepier's published admission number, the Trust, as the admission authority, will admit learners to Kepier 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 set out in this admission policy).

1. 'Looked after children' – a child who is looked after by a Local Authority, in accordance with Section 22(1) of the Children's Act 1989 or a child who was looked after (including children who appear to have been in state care outside of England), but ceased to be so, because of adoption (or become subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).

2. Attendance in Key Stage 2 (age 7-10+) at a designated cluster junior or primary school namely:

a. Bernard Gilpin Primary School
b. Burnside Academy
c. Dubmire Primary Academy
d. East Rainton Primary School
e. Gillas Lane Primary Academy & Nursery School
f. Newbottle Primary Academy

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g. Shiney Row Primary School
h. Woodlea Primary School

(the "**Named Feeder Schools**")

3. A sibling link – an older brother/sister or older child (including adopted siblings, foster siblings, step siblings and other children living permanently at the same address) that share the same parent/carer and lives at the same address, who will be attending Kepier at the time of admission.

4. Children of staff – children of staff at Kepier employed by the Trust that:
(a) have been employed at Kepier for two or more years at the time the application for their child to attend Kepier is made; and/or

(b) are recruited to fill a vacant post at Kepier for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

5. Pupils for whom preferences are expressed on grounds other than those outlined above.

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

For families of service personnel the address at which the child will live will be used when applying the oversubscription criteria as long as the child's parent or guardian provides some evidence of the child's intended address, and a unit or quartering address will be used as the child's home address if a parent or guardian requests this.

At the first stage of allocations there will be no distinction between 1st , 2nd , 3rd, 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 can be withdrawn.

Parents who are not offered a place have a statutory right of appeal to an independent appeal panel. Further details of the appeals process are available on the Kepier website. Information is also available via communication with Mr Shaun Van-Lindon, Assistant Headteacher - Admissions. Appeals will be coordinated via Sunderland City Council. Waiting lists will be held open until the end of the autumn term, or 31 December, whichever is sooner, in-line with Sunderland Local Authority protocols.

<u>In-year admissions</u>

Parents can apply for a place for their child at any time outside the normal admissions

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around. All children whose EHCP names Kepier will be admitted.

If there are spaces available in the year group you are applying for, your child will be offered a place. If there are no spaces available at the time of your application, your child's name will be added to the waiting list for the relevant year group. When a space becomes available, it will be filled by a pupil on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out above. Priority is not given to children on the basis of how long they have been on the waiting list.

Applications for in-year admissions should be made using the application form: School admissions - Sunderland City Council

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