

Admission Arrangements

2025/2026 School Year

The academy will follow the Admissions arrangements of Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, as agreed in the Admissions Annex of The Laurel Academy's Funding Agreement.

Only Doncaster Council (the LA) is able to decide who is eligible for a place in this academy. Neither the Principal or Sponsors nor their representatives are able to offer a place at the academy.

General Statement

In Doncaster each school serves a local community, usually referred to as the 'catchment area'. These arrangements reflect the philosophy that 'efficient education' is particularly fostered by closely associating a secondary school with a group of primary schools.

Admission Number

Every school must have an admission number for each relevant age group, defined in law as 'an age group which pupils are or will normally be admitted to the school in question'. The admission number for each year group is set with regard to the capacity assessment for the school, taking into account the nature and type of the school buildings and provides an acceptable amount of space for each pupil. Each school year the LA consults with the Governing Body of the school before an admission number is set. The admission number for this academy is 224.

In the case of the year of entry, a child may not normally be refused admission to a school on the grounds of prejudice to efficient education or the efficient use of resources unless the number of applications for admission exceeds the admission number or a child is offered a school which is ranked higher on a Common Application Form (CAF) under a Co-ordinated Admission Scheme (CAS).

Should the admission number be reached mid category, applications in that category will be prioritised on the shortest distance measured in a straight line from the front door of the student's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the academy, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the academy receiving higher priority.

Tie Break

In the event of two or more students living equidistant from the academy, the place will be decided by drawing lots. The first name being drawn will be offered the place.

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<http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/secondary-admissions>

Appeals

If you wish to appeal against a decision you should contact DMBC following the link below:

http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/sections/educationandlearning/pupilandparentinformation/admissions/Admission_Appeals.aspx

In Year Admissions

If you wish to apply for an In-Year Admission, please click on the link below or telephone 01302 736000

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