



The Park Federation Academy Trust

**Lake Farm Park Academy
Admission Criteria for 2025/2026**

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1. Admissions

Lake Farm Park Academy will comply with the Schools Admissions and Appeal Codes. Lake Farm Park Academy will be an inclusive schools with no religious faith affiliations.

2. Policy

Lake Farm Park Academy council will determine the admissions criteria of the academy. The Local Authority will administer the offer of places on its behalf.

Pupil Admission Number:

90 places will be available for entry in Reception

90 places are available in all other year groups: Years 1 to Year 6

90 places are available in Nursery.

3. Oversubscription Criteria

If there are fewer applicants than places, all applicants will be accepted.

Where the Academy is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with statements of special educational needs which names the Academy, priority admission will be given as follows:

- i. Looked After Child (as defined in the Children Act 1989) or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption residence, or a special guardianship order.

As defined in the Schools Admission Code paragraph 1.7 a 'looked child' is a child who is a) in the care of a local authority or b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

- ii. Children who suffer from a long term medical or psychological condition which makes it necessary for them to attend Lake Farm Park Academy. Applications must be accompanied by medical evidence from a GP or a Hospital Consultant.
- iii. Children who have a member of the immediate family who suffers from a long-term medical or psychological condition which makes it necessary for them to attend Lake Farm Park Academy. Applications must be accompanied by medical evidence from a GP or Hospital Consultant.
- iv. Children who have a sibling living in the same household who currently attend the full time school and will continue to do so on the date of admission. A sibling refers to a brother or sister, half brother or sister with one parent in common, adopted brother or sister.
- v. Children living nearest to the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the point set by Ordnance Survey at the child's home address and Lake Farm Park Academy using a computerised mapping system. The distance will be measured from the main gate of the school to the front door of the child's home address including high rise flats.

Tie Break: if two addresses are the same distance from the academy, the offering of a place will be decided by lottery.

4. Waiting List

Where the school fills all places, a waiting list will be maintained by the academy in the order of the over subscription criteria. Where a place becomes available we will advise the Local Authority of the child who is top of the list so that the home Local Authority can inform the parent that an offer can be made on behalf of Lake Farm Park Academy.

Late applications will be considered once all of the 'on time' applications have been allocated. After this, if a school place cannot be offered, they will be placed on the waiting list in order of the oversubscription criteria. Late applications cannot be placed at the bottom of the waiting list as it is considered that the child is being penalised twice and will therefore be

placed on the waiting list in the same order as a timely application if a school place cannot be offered (2.14 of the Schools Admissions Code).

5. In Year Application

Application for In Year Admission is to be made direct to Lake Farm Park Academy for the attention of the Admissions Officer. In-year applications will be managed in the same way as start of year applications with the same oversubscription criteria applying if necessary.

6. Appeal

Parents who are refused a school place have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel. Details can be given by the Admissions Officer.