

Trinity Academy St Peter's Admissions Policy and Oversubscription Criteria 2027/28

There are 15 places available.

Applications for places at Trinity Academy St Peter's (TASP) should be made in accordance with Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council's co-ordinated admission arrangements.

Children in receipt of an Education, Health and Care plan (EHC) that names TASP as the appropriate school, will be admitted before any other children.

In the event of oversubscription, priority for admission will be determined using the following criteria:

1. (a) Children who are in public care – 'Looked After' (as defined by section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they became adopted or became subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order.
(b) Children who appear [to the admission authority of the academy] to have been in public care outside of England and ceased to be in public care as a result of being adopted.¹

¹ *A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.*

2. Children whose siblings currently attend the academy and who will continue to do so on the date of admission.

¹ *"Sibling" is defined as a full or half brother or sister; a step brother or sister; an adoptive brother or sister; the children of parents living together in the same family household. The elder sibling must still be on roll at the academy when the younger child starts at the academy. Sibling applications will only be accepted for siblings of pupils in years Reception to Y5.*

3. Children of staff employed at the academy.

¹ *"Staff" for this purpose are defined as anyone employed by the academy who has held a permanent contract with the academy for at least two years prior to the application or to staff recently appointed to a post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.*

4. Children who regularly attend, or whose parents/guardians regularly attend, one of the Church of England Parish Churches in the Rural Deanery of the Calder Valley. **Parents must also complete the church supplementary application form if they wish their child to be considered in relation to their church attendance.**

("Regularly attend" means attendance at public worship at least twice per month for the year before the application is submitted)

¹ *In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.*

5. Children who regularly attend, or whose parents/guardians regularly attend, another Christian Church within the area of the Calderdale Metropolitan District (affiliated to Churches together in England). A list of such churches is available to view by visiting: www.cte.org.uk
6. Other children.

Calculating Distance.

If there is oversubscription in any category, pupils will be admitted in order of proximity to TASP. Distance will be calculated using a straight-line measurement from the pupil's home to the main academy gate. To ensure consistency, all measurements will be carried out using the local authority's GIS system and no other method of measuring distance will be considered. Each property has a coordinate taken from Ordnance Survey address point data. This is the point from which distance measurements will be taken.

Random Allocation.

Random allocation (undertaken by the local authority or another body unconnected with TASP) will be used as a tie-break to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the academy is equidistant in any individual case. However, if children of multiple birth (twins and triplets) are tied for the final place, those siblings will be admitted over PAN

Right of Appeal.

Where governors are unable to offer a place because the school is oversubscribed, parents have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel, set up under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, as amended by the Education Act 2020. Details of the appeal process are available from the school.

The academy will operate a waiting list for pupils (for a full academic year).

Deferred Entry.

All children are entitled to a full-time place in the September following their fourth birthday. Where a place has been offered, parents may defer the date their child is admitted to the academy until later in the school year, but not beyond the point at which the child reaches compulsory school age and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made. Where parents wish, children may also attend part-time until later in the school year, but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age.

Summer Born Children.

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. The parents of a summer born child (born between 1 April and 31 August) may choose not to send their child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request admission out of their normal age group – to Reception rather than Year 1. Parents wishing to request admission outside of the normal age group should contact the academy in writing, setting out their reasons. The academy will consider each request on its individual merits, taking into account the circumstances of the case and the best interests of the child.

In-Year Admissions.

Parents wishing to apply for a place at the academy outside of the normal admissions round (i.e. during the school year or after the closing date for the main round) should apply directly to the academy. Applications will be considered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out above. Parents will be notified of the outcome of their application in writing and, where a place cannot be offered, will be informed of their right of appeal.

Fair Access Protocol.

The academy participates in the Calderdale Fair Access Protocol. The Fair Access Protocol exists to ensure that vulnerable pupils who are out of school are able to gain a school place as quickly as possible. All Calderdale schools, including this academy, have this protocol in place.