



Manor Drive Secondary Academy

Manor Drive Secondary Academy admission arrangements for September 2022

Introductory statement

Manor Drive Secondary Academy is part of the Four Cs MAT and is its own Admission Authority. We are an innovative new school, with a dynamic curriculum and a focus on community and wellbeing. All admission applications for September 2022 are administered by the Academy following receipt of an admissions application form and in line with the information contained within this policy.

Admission number(s)

The Academy has an admission number of 120 for entry in Year 7.

The Academy will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number(s) for the relevant Year Group are received, the Academy Trust will offer places at the Academy to all those who have applied.

Application process – Year 7

Manor Drive Secondary Academy will process applications outside the normal Local Authority process for coordinating school offers. This means you will need to complete your LA common application form for your other choices of school in addition to a separate application for this school.

Applications for Manor Drive Secondary Academy should be sent to The Four Cs Trust, C/O Arthur Mellows Village College, Helpston Road, Glinton, Peterborough, PE6 7JX or by email to office@manordrivesecondary.org.uk. The application form can be obtained from: www.manordrivesecondary.org.uk.

The closing date for applications is 31 October 2021.

Offers will be made on 1 March 2022. If we have not entered into a funding agreement with Secretary of State opening the Academy by that date, they will be conditional offers and will be confirmed once we have a signed funding agreement.

Application process – In Year

The Academy will process applications outside the normal local authority admission applications. The offers will be made through the school year when places become available. Please visit the Academy school website for more information.



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Oversubscription criteria

The criteria in this section apply to entry at the secondary phases of the Academy.

When the Academy is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan naming the Academy, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order.¹
2. Priority will next be given to the children of staff who have been recruited to fill a skill-shortage area in the Academy.
3. Priority will next be given to children living within the Manor Drive Secondary Academy area set out in the map at the end of the policy. Children living on the boundary line will be considered to be living within the catchment area.
4. Priority will be given to the siblings of pupils attending the Academy at the time application is received.
5. Other children whose parents have requested a place (NB Measurements for this will be done from the Academy to the home address).

Tie-break

If in categories 2-5 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the Academy will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child's home to the front gates of the Academy in a straight line using the Local Land Property Gazetteer (LLPG) provided from the seed point located at the child's home address to the seed point for the Academy. The seed point is taken from the Ordnance Survey's (OS) Address-Base dataset. It is used to locate individual residential and school addresses using grid references as seed points.

Random allocation undertaken by the Academy will be used as a tie-break in categories 2-5 above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the Academy/free school is equidistant in any two or more cases

¹A looked after 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).



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Random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc) from the same family ties for the final place. We admit them all and exceed our PAN.

Late applications – Year 7

All applications received by the Academy after the deadline of 31 October 2021 will be considered to be late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time. If, following consideration of all applicants the Academy is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the Academy's waiting list.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal Year Group is being requested.

When such a request is made, the Academy will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the Headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

Accelerated admission

There are some circumstances which mean that parents might feel that their child should start school a full academic year earlier, this is known as an accelerated admission into school, however the Academy does not encourage this. In accordance with the Schools Admissions Code, all requests will be considered on the basis of the circumstances of each case, and in the best interests of the child, taking account of the child's educational and social development.

Waiting Lists – (Continued Interest Lists)

The Academy will operate a waiting list for each Year Group. Where the Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the first term after the beginning of the school year/the end of the academic year. This will be maintained by the Academy and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.



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Appeals – Year 7

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Applicants should contact Manor Drive Secondary Academy, C/O The Fours Cs Trust, Arthur Mellows Village College, Helpston Road, Glinton, Peterborough, PE6 7JX by 30 March 2022 for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on the Manor Drive Secondary Academy website and www.peterborough.gov.uk/admissions

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Notes

Home address

The home address is the address of the parent with whom the child normally lives from Monday to Friday. When parents live separately, the application must be based on the address at which the child usually lives. When parents live separately, but the child lives with both parents at different addresses, **the child's home address will be taken to be the address where the child lives for most of the week.** If the child spends an equal amount of time with each parent, the address will be taken to be that of the main parent/carer eligible to receive Child Benefit and Child Tax Credit. As part of the admissions process, a parent may be asked to provide proof of address. To ensure that offers of school places are made fairly, the Academy is committed to following strict address verification procedures. In cases of flats the priority is that of floor level ie ground, first, second etc, in that order. In cases of exactly the same measurement where no differentiation can be established, a lottery will be used to decide the allocation of a place.

Sibling

Are defined as children aged between 4 and 16, living together in the same family unit, who have a sibling on roll of the Academy at the time of application and admission to the school. Siblings include; brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, child of the parent/carer or their partner, children looked after, or previously looked after. This does not include children temporarily living in the same family unit – for example, a looked after child in short term, or interim foster placement. In every case, the sibling must be living permanently in the same home (at least Monday to Friday) and must be on the roll of the Academy or have been offered and accepted a place at the Academy at the same time of application and when the child starts.