

	<p><b>The Duston School</b> <b>Policy</b></p>	
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<b>Rationale</b>	<p>The Duston School is a 4-19 co-educational, all-through Academy, with designated Specialist College status in Business &amp; Enterprise, and Science.</p> <p>The main principle of admission to The Duston School is to maintain the character of the school as an all-through school, providing for the needs of the young persons within 4-19 age range, who live in Duston and the surrounding areas defined below. We have a separate admission policy for Secondary and Post 16 students.</p> <p>Admission to our school is not dependant on any “voluntary” contribution.</p> <p>Students will be admitted at the age of 4+ without reference to ability or aptitude using the criteria below. The admission number (PAN) for September 2017 in the Primary School will be Reception (60), Year 1 (60), year 2 (60) and Year 3 (30).</p> <p>We are responsible for our own Admissions. The school participates in the Local Authority coordinated scheme and all deadlines within that should be adhered to by applicants.</p> <p>As required by the regulations of 2005, within the oversubscription criteria, the school will give top priority to applications on behalf of children in public care (Children in Care).</p> <p><b><u>Oversubscription Criteria (Primary Phase)</u></b></p> <p>Places will be allocated to pupils who have a statement of SEN that names the school as appropriate provision. When there are more applications for places than there are places available, priority will be given in the following order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Children in public care or previously in public care but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. (See definition in the local authority booklet)</li> <li>2. Children of a member of staff. (see definition on school website)</li> </ol>
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3. Pupils with an older brother or sister continuing at the school in the primary phase at the time of admission of the younger child.  
(See definition in the local authority booklet).
4. Pupils who live closer to the preferred school than any other school
5. Other pupils.

If the admission number is exceeded within any criterion, priority will be given to those who live closest to the school.

<p><b>Policy Statement</b></p>	<p>The Governing Body will ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The admission arrangements are reviewed annually, and consultation takes place on changes with all other admission authorities and the LA.</li> <li>• The admission arrangements are made available to parents and potential parents.</li> <li>• Pupils are admitted in accordance with this policy.</li> <li>• Where places are available, pupils are admitted in accordance with the agreed priorities</li> </ul> <p>The number of pupils on roll and reasons for unsuccessful appeals will be reported to the governing body each term with advice on any implications.</p>
	<p><b>Ethos</b></p> <p>The ethos of this school can be summed up the Academy motto of Every child, whatever it takes. We regard good behaviour, loyalty to and respect for others, endeavour, team work and commitment as important attributes and expect our students to pursue excellence in all they undertake. We ask all parents applying for a place here to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community.</p> <p>As a school we aim to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Raise standards for all learners</li> <li>2. Raise aspirations for the whole community at The Duston School as a school, local and even national level.</li> <li>3. Embrace the learner from 4-19 and beyond, in particular, in supporting all learners to develop Business and Entrepreneurial skills</li> <li>4. Improve the profile of the school</li> </ol> <p><b>Waiting Lists</b></p> <p>Under the co ordinated scheme The Duston School will maintain a waiting list until the end of the Autumn Term. The school will continue to maintain a waiting list for subsequent terms. Applications for inclusion on a waiting list must be made on the school’s appropriate form and they will be ranked according to our oversubscription criteria as described above. We have to admit any student who is the subject of a ‘direction’ by the LA or allocated to us according to the local Fair Access protocol and any such students take precedence over the waiting list.</p> <p>We also maintain waiting lists for all ‘full’ year groups.</p> <p><b>In Year Admissions</b></p> <p>Admissions for all other year groups will be dealt with in accordance with this policy. The Duston School will administer a co-ordinated scheme and applications should be made direct to the LA on the approved form and also via The Duston School.</p> <p><b>Appeals</b></p> <p>If you are not offered a place at our school you have the right to appeal to an independent panel.</p>

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<b>Definitions</b>	A list of all definitions can be found in the County Council Prospectus "Applying For A School Placement in Northamptonshire"
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