

Admissions Criteria 2022-23

Secondary Phase, Year Groups 7-11



The published admission number for the secondary phase is currently set at 240.

Places will be allocated to pupils who have an EHCP that names The Duston School as an appropriate provision.

When there are more applications for places than there are places available, priority will be given in the following order:

1. LAC - Children in public care (looked after children) or previously in public care.* - Please see Northamptonshire County Councils website for the full definition.

2. Children of a member of staff as defined below;

Children of a member of staff defined in accordance to the School Admissions Code 1.39

Admission authorities may give priority in their oversubscription criteria to children of staff in either or both of the following circumstances:

a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for the admission to the school is made, and/or

b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage

3: Year 6 students already on roll at The Duston Primary School (primary phase) that apply for a place at The Duston School (secondary phase) on-time via the Local Education Authorities coordinated admission scheme.

4. Sibling - Pupils with an older brother or sister at The Duston School.

5. Pupils who live in the area defined as NN5 4 and NN5 6.

6. Pupils who live in the area defined as NN5 5, NN5 7 and NN5 9.

7. Other pupils

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

* Evidence may be required to support an application for a child who has previously been in public care.

Distance Tiebreaker

Distances are measured on a straight line basis from the child's home address to the nearest entry point to the school using a geographical information system provided by Northamptonshire County Council.

Children of a member of staff defined as:

The biological child, step child or adopted child of any member of staff employed directly by The Duston School.

Year 6 pupils at The Duston School (Primary Phase)

Student already attending The Duston School (Primary Phase) will get priority admission to the secondary phase but this will only be if they apply for a place on-time via the LEA's coordinated admissions scheme. This is to ensure that all students are only offered 1 school place.

Siblings defined as:

- Brothers or sisters sharing the same parents.
- Half-brothers or half sisters, where two or more children share one common parent.
- Step-brothers or step sisters, where two or more children are related by a parent's marriage or partnership. (Partners must have lived together in a permanent exclusive relationship - as though they were husband or wife or civil partners - for at least two years.)
- Children fostered or adopted to parents with other children

For the sibling link to apply, a brother or sister must live at the same address when the application is made. If siblings live between two addresses, applicants must provide proof to show that the main address is the same for both children.