



St. Katherine's
School

DRAFT ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2022/23 for 11 - 16 provision

St Katherine's School is an academy and part of Cathedral Schools Trust (CST) who is the admission authority.

St Katherine's has a published admission number (PAN) of 180 pupils for entry into Year 7. The school will accordingly admit at least 180 each year if sufficient applications are received. All applicants will be admitted if 180 or fewer apply.

Applications for places at St Katherine's will be made on the common application form (CAF) in accordance with the local authority's co-ordinated admission scheme. North Somerset residents seeking school places should apply on a North Somerset application form. Residents outside North Somerset seeking places at North Somerset schools should apply for places on their home local authority's application form.

For North Somerset children the application form is available for submission using the online system on the North Somerset Council website or in a paper form. For information see;

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/admissions/>

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

The school will admit any pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) naming the school. The places are reserved and the PAN will be reduced accordingly. Their parents should apply for a place via the service dealing with Special Education Needs in their home local authority and do not need to make an application on the common application form.

Consideration of Applications

Priority will then be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in order;

1. Children in Care at the time of application and children who were previously in Care but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order) immediately following having been in Care.
2. Children with a sibling attending the school at the time of admission living within the First Geographical Area.
3. Children living within the First Geographical Area.
4. Children with a sibling attending the school at the time of admission living outside the First Geographical Area.
5. Children living outside the First Geographical Area.

Tiebreak

Within each criterion, priority will be given to children living closest to the school measured in a direct line. St Katherine's School's First Geographical Area can be accessed [here](#).

A First Geographical Area is an area of priority for a school. Living in this area does not guarantee a child a place at the school but they may receive priority over children who live outside the First Geographical Area.

Siblings

A sibling is defined as a natural brother or sister, or a half brother or sister, or a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, or step brother or sister who will be living with them permanently at the same address. For the avoidance of doubt this does not include cousins, other family members or friends. The trust may require proof of relationship and/or proof of residence. A sibling must be attending (or is expected by the Admissions Authority to be attending) the school at the time of admission.

Twins/Triplets

Children who are multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place, will be admitted over PAN.

Applicant's Home address

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with the doctor. If the residence is not split equally between both parents then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

Distances

A direct line distance is where distances are measured in a straight line between the address point of the child's home and the main entrance marker for the school, indicated on North Somerset Council computerised system(s). Unless stated otherwise, where the direct line distances are equal, the ranking of applications will be determined by drawing lots.

If it is not possible to measure a distance on the North Somerset Council computerised system(s), North Somerset Council will use alternative methods.

Late Applications

All applications received by the local authority after the deadline (31st 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 school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

Admission of children outside normal age group

Children are normally educated in school with others of their age group; however, in exceptional circumstances parents/carers may request that their child is admitted to a year group outside their normal age range, for instance where the child is gifted or talented or where a child has suffered from particular social or medical issues impacting his or her schooling. All such requests will be considered on their merits and either be agreed or refused, on that basis. If a request is refused, the child will still be considered for admission to their normal age group.

The process for requesting such an admission is as follows:

With the application, parents should complete the form below to request that the child is admitted to another year group, and the reasons for that request;

[Form to request an out of year group admission](#)

Completed forms should be sent to Mrs Kilgallon, St Katherine's School. Email: kilgallond@skdrive.org

Parents will submit any evidence in support of their case with the application, for instance from a medical practitioner, head teacher etc. Some of the evidence a parent might submit could include:

- Information about the child's academic, social and emotional development;
- Where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional;
- Whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and
- Whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely.

The Trust will consider each case on its merits, taking into account the individual circumstances of the request and the child's best interests. The Admissions Committee along with the Head Teacher will then decide whether such an out-of-year group place will be agreed or refused. We will also ensure the parent is aware of whether the request for admission out of age group has been agreed before final offers are made, and the reason for any refusal. Requests for admission out of the normal year group will be considered alongside other applications made at the same time. An application from a child who would 'normally' be a Year 8 child for a Year 7 place will be considered alongside applications for Year 7.

Fair access

St Katherine's will participate in North Somerset Council's Fair Access Protocol. Each local authority must have a Fair Access Protocol, agreed with the majority of schools in its area to ensure that - outside the normal admissions round - unplaced children, especially the most vulnerable, are offered a place at a suitable school as quickly as possible. In agreeing a protocol, the local authority must ensure that no school - including those with available places - is asked to take a disproportionate number of children who have been excluded from other schools, or who have challenging behaviour. The protocol must include how the local authority will use provision to ensure that the needs of pupils who are not ready for mainstream schooling are met.

The Fair Access Protocol is available at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/fair-access-protocol

Admission to other years

The admission authority will consider all such applications and if the year group applied for has a

place available, a place will be offered. Parents/carers will be notified in writing of the outcome of their in year application and have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel if a place is refused.

Waiting Lists

The school will operate a waiting list for each year group. Where the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate for each year group. If parents would like their child's name to be added to the waiting list they must request it, as no child is added automatically.

The waiting list will be maintained on a two term basis. If applicants wish to remain on the waiting list they must request this for the start of terms 1, 3 or 5. Any applicants that have not requested to be kept on the waiting list will not be considered for any vacancies that may arise. Term dates can be found on the school website; <http://www.stkaths.org.uk/>

A child's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria, in order of priority. 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 or leaves it.

Appeals

Parents/carers who are not offered a place for their child have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code. Parents/carers wishing to appeal should submit an appeal form with their written reasons within the timescale set out in their refusal letter confirming the admission authority's decision not to offer a place.

Should an appeal be unsuccessful, the admission authority will not consider further appeals within the same academic year unless there have been significant or material changes in the child's circumstances. For more information contact kilgallond@skdrive.org

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