

Nansloe Academy Admissions Policy 2022-2023¹

Nansloe Academy welcomes all children, up to a maximum of 30 in any year group, to the school from the academic year in which they are 5 years of age (YR), up to and including the academic year in which they are 11 years of age (Y6).

The Published Admissions Number is 30 pupils in any year group but more may be admitted in exceptional circumstances.

The Governing Body will decide if the circumstances are exceptional.

If more than 30 pupils wish to join Nansloe Academy, the oversubscription criteria below will be applied.

Admissions are administered by the Local Authority who will use these oversubscription criteria on our behalf.

Oversubscription criteria Admission in Reception to Year 6 at Nansloe Academy

The following priority order will be used to decide which children should occupy any vacant places, after the admission of pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans where the school is named in the plan, in the above year groups at Nansloe Academy for the 2022/2023 school year:

1. Children in care and children who were in care but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order including those who appear to the admission authority (AAT) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in care as a result of being adopted².
2. Children with siblings still attending Nansloe Academy at the time of their admission.

¹ Amended to implement Sept 21 School Admissions Code variations

² **Children in care and children who were previously in care** but immediately after being in care became subject to an Adoption, Child Arrangement or Special Guardianship Order. A "child in care" is also referred to as a "looked after child" and 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).

- A 'Child Arrangement Order' is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'Special Guardianship Order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

- A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society (see Section 23ZZA(8) of the Children Act 1989 (inserted by Section 4 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017)).

3. Children of staff at the school where the Governing Body decide to make this a priority for recruitment or retention purposes.
4. Children who have attended Nansloe Nursery which is maintained by our school and shares the same site.
5. Children who live in the designated area of Nansloe Academy or whose parents can provide evidence that they will be living in the designated area of Nansloe Academy by the date from which admission is required.
6. Children with an unequivocal professional recommendation from a doctor, school medical officer or educational psychologist that non-placement at the preferred school would not be in the best interest of the child and that placement at the preferred school is essential. Such recommendations must be made in writing and must give full supporting reasons and will be reviewed by the Local Authority.
7. All other children by closest distance of their home address from the school as in '**Distances**' below.

Designated areas

Cornwall Children's Services Authority (CSA) has divided the county into geographical areas. Each of these areas is served by a specific primary school, or in some cases, groups of schools. These areas are called 'designated areas' (you may also have heard these areas referred to as 'catchment' areas). Your designated school will not always be the one nearest to your home address. Maps are available for all designated areas on request.

You can also ask to be notified of the designated school(s) for any address. These requests should be made to: School Admissions Team, Cornwall Council, New County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk . If you are planning to move into the designated area of a school, your application for a place for your child at that school will not be given priority accorded to designated area pupils without firm evidence of your new address and moving date, such as a copy of a signed and dated tenancy agreement or confirmation that contracts for the purchase of a domestic dwelling within the designated area have been exchanged.

Professional recommendation for admission

If you think your child meets this criterion, as described in the Oversubscription Criteria, you must send the relevant written evidence to School Admissions Team, Cornwall Council, New County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk .

Siblings

'Siblings' means brothers or sisters. They are defined as children with at least one natural or adoptive parent in common, living at the same or a different address. Children living permanently in the same household at the same address would also be counted as siblings, regardless of their actual relationship to each other.

To qualify as a sibling a child must be on the roll of the school in question at the date of application, allocation and admission.

'**Parent**' is any person who has parental responsibility or care of the child.

Distances

Home to school distances used for tie-breaking will be measured by a straight-line measurement as determined by the LA's Geographical Information System.

Admission dates

Children will be eligible for a full time place in reception from September of the school year that runs from 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 if they were born between 01 September 2017 and 31 August 2018.

All children who have their fourth birthday between 01 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 will be entitled to admission full time to a reception class in a primary school in September 2022.

Parents may request that their child attends part-time until they are of compulsory school age. If a parent does ask for a fifteen hour part-time place in a school then a child will not be entitled to their free fifteen hour nursery funding in other pre-school settings. Admission authorities must agree to such a request where it appears to be in the best interest of the child.

For children born between 01 September 2017 and 31 March 2018, parents will have the right to defer their admission until they are of compulsory school age. For children born between 01 April 2018 and 31 August 2018, admission may only be deferred until April 2023. Parents with children born between these dates would not be breaking the law by delaying admission until September 2023, but schools may not keep places open for the whole of the reception year until September 2023. Such parents would need to re-apply for a place in year 1 from September 2023.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may seek a place for their child outside their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. Those wishing to request placement outside the normal age group should contact the headteacher in the first instance. Such requests will ultimately be considered by the academy's governing body on a case-by-case basis and in the best interests of the child concerned.

Parents who are refused a place at a school for which they have applied have the right of appeal to an independent admission appeal panel. However, they do not have a right of appeal if they have been offered a place and it is not in the year group they would like.

(Supplementary guidance for deferred or delayed entry is available from the School Secretary upon request.)

Early years/nursery places

Please note: If your child attends Nansloe Nursery funded provision on the school site, or any nursery or pre-school provision, **you must still apply** for a place at Nansloe Academy through the normal admissions application process. In these circumstances, automatic offer of a place at the school cannot be guaranteed.

Home address

Each child may have only one registered address only for the purposes of determining priority for admission and transport entitlement. This address should be the place where the child is normally resident. If there is shared residence of the child or a query is raised regarding the validity of an address, it may be necessary to use the address of the person receiving child benefit for the child. If this is inconclusive, the registered address would be considered to be the address at which the child spends the majority of days during the school week. However, parents should settle any dispute prior to submitting only one application to the LA for each child.

Multiple birth siblings

Where applications are received on behalf of 'multiple birth siblings' (e.g. twins, triplets) or siblings whose dates of birth place them in the same chronological year group, every effort will be made to offer places at the same school, which may mean allocating places above the Published Admission Number (PAN) where that is possible. However, where this is not possible, parents will be invited

to decide which of the children should be allocated the available place(s). A sibling may be admitted even if the infant class size limit would be exceeded, where one of the siblings is the thirtieth child admitted.

Tie-breakers

If any of the criteria outlined earlier leave more children with an equal claim than places available, priority will be given to the child who lives nearer to the preferred school.

Final tie-breaker

Should the tie-breakers above still leave children with an equal claim because distances are exactly the same, random allocation will be used to decide on priority. The school will use the Local Authority's Random Allocation Protocol, supervised by an independent person, which is available on request.

Late Applications

Late applications are defined as those applications for the foundation year which are submitted after the closing date of the Local Authority's co-ordinated scheme and they will be dealt with in accordance with that scheme

Waiting List

If, after the offer of places has been made, the school is over-subscribed, all parents whose applications have been unsuccessful will be asked whether they wish to be placed on a waiting list. This waiting list is administered by the school in partnership with the Local Authority. A child's position on this waiting list will be determined by the school's over-subscription criteria; please note a child place on a waiting list is subject to change according to additional information being received or children being added to the list – so their place on the list may move up or down. No priority is given to the length of time that a child has been on the list. Children admitted under Fair Access Protocol will also take precedence over other children on the waiting list. Waiting lists will be maintained for all over-subscribed year groups.

Appeals Procedure

If you are not offered a place for your child, at our school, you have the right to appeal. Appeals are heard by an independent appeal panel (arranged by Cornwall Council on behalf of the Governing Board). Further details and a timeline can be found in Cornwall Council's Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme.

If you would like this information in another format please contact:

Nansloe Academy - Telephone: **01326 572966**

Email: Hello@nansloe.org.uk <https://www.nansloe.com>

Cornwall Council School Admissions Team

Telephone: **0300 1234 101** Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

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³ Nansloe Academy converted to become part of Aspire Academy Trust on 1st July 2021