

Admissions policy 2024/2025

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HAVANT ACADEMY

ADMISSIONS POLICY SEPTEMBER 2024 ENTRY

ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 7

Arrangements for applications for places in Year 7 at Havant Academy will be made in accordance with Hampshire's co-ordinated admission arrangements; parents resident in Hampshire can apply online <u>here</u>; parents resident in other areas must apply through their home local authority. Havant Academy will use Hampshire's timetable published online for these applications and Hampshire will make the offers of places as required by the School Admissions Code.

Published Admission Number (PAN)

The PAN for Year 7 is 140. If there are fewer applicants than places available all applicants will be admitted.

Special Educational Needs

Any child with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the academy will be admitted.

Oversubscription Criteria

If there are more applications than places available we will apply the oversubscription criteria listed below:

- 1. Looked after children and previously looked after children. A '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) at the time of making an application to a school. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order). Previously looked after children also includes those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- 2. Children with a serious medical, physical or psychological need which makes the school particularly suitable for the child. Priority will be given to those children who have a demonstrable and significant need to attend Havant Academy. Applications for priority in this criterion will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between the applicant's needs and Havant Academy.
- 3. Children living in the catchment area of the school with a sibling attending at the time of application and admission. Enter your postcode using the link below to check whether you fall within the school's catchment area: <u>https://maps.hants.gov.uk/SchoolCatchmentAreaFinder/</u>. Sibling refers to brother or sister, half-brother or half-sister, adoptive brother or adoptive sister, foster brother or foster sister, step brother or step sister, and includes children living as siblings in the same family unit.
- 4. Other children living in the catchment area see definition above.
- 5. Other children with brothers or sisters attending Havant Academy at the time of application and admission see sibling definition above. This includes children who, at the time of application, have a sibling for whom the offer of a place has been accepted, even if the sibling is not yet attending.
- Distance. The distance is measured from the child's permanent home address to the school. Priority will be given to the child living nearest the school. Straight line distances are measured Havant Academy- Admissions 24-25

using Hampshire's computerised geographical information system.

Where a child lives normally during the school week with more than one parent at different addresses, the permanent home address for the purposes of school admissions will be the one where the child spends the majority of their time. Distance to multiple dwellings will give priority to the ground floor over the first floor and so on. On individual floors, distances will be measured to the stairs leading to the communal entrance.

Tie-break

If the distance criterion is not sufficient to distinguish between two or more applicants for the last remaining place then random allocation will be used. This process will be supervised by somebody independent of the school.

Multiple Births

In the case of twins or other multiple births, where there is only one place available in the school, both will be considered together as one application. The school will be allowed to go above its admission number for this purpose.

Fraudulent or Misleading Applications

As an admission authority we have the right to investigate any concerns we may have about your application and to withdraw the offer of a place if we consider there is evidence that you have made a fraudulent claim or provided misleading information, for example a false address was given which denied a place to a child with a stronger claim. We reserve the right to check any address and other information provided so we can apply the oversubscription criteria accurately and fairly.

Fair Access Protocol

Local Authorities are required to have Fair Access Protocols in order to make sure that unplaced, vulnerable children are offered a place at a suitable school as quickly as possible. The school will comply with Hampshire's Fair Access Protocol. This may mean admitting children above the PAN.

Admission of Children outside their Normal Age Group

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. It is important for parents to note that they will have responsibility for providing evidence to support their request.

If parents wish for their child to be considered for admission to a year group which is outside their normal age group, then they must:

a) Complete the LA common application form or the in-year admission form, as appropriate

b) Attach a letter outlining reasons for the request and all supporting letters and/or documentary evidence in support of the application.

Havant Academy will make decisions on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned.

This will include taking account of:

- the parent's views;
- any available 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;
- any evidence that the child may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely;
- the views of the head teacher.

In-year admissions

For all information regarding In-Year Admissions, including details on how parents can apply for a school place, an application form to complete, the timescale in which your application will be processed and details on the right to appeal, please visit the school website.

Waiting List

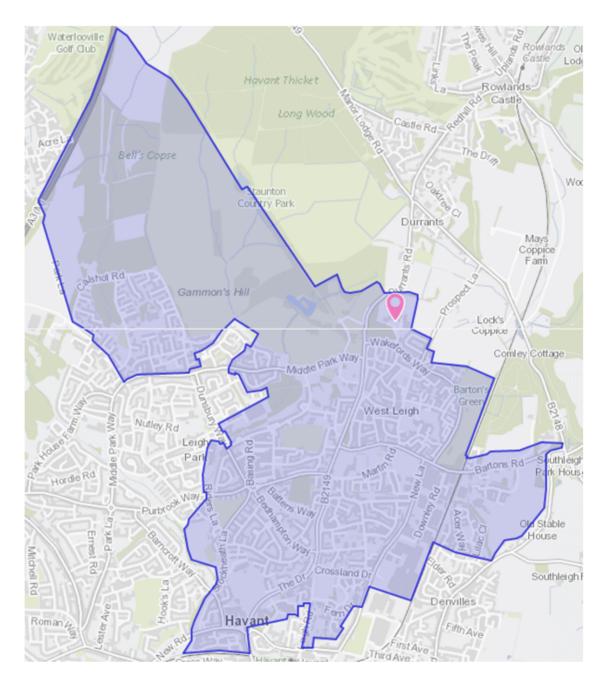
Any child refused a place at the school will automatically be put on the waiting list unless a higher preference school has been offered. A waiting list will be maintained until 31 December after which it will be cleared. If you would like your child to remain on the waiting list please contact the school.

The waiting list is maintained in the order of the oversubscription criteria. This means that names can move down the list if, e.g. someone moves into the area and is higher placed under the oversubscription criteria.

Appeals

The parents of any child refused a place at the school have a right to appeal to an independent appeal panel. The decision of the independent appeal panel is binding on all parties.

Appendices 1- Catchment area



Havant Academy' catchment area is bordered to the North by the centre of Staunton Country Park, crossing Durants Road, along Stansted Crescent and Worldham Road, along the length of Bartons Green heading South and North of parallel to Bartons Road. To the East, the boundary runs south parallel to Eastleigh Road and then parallel to Rowan Road, where the boundary follows the railway line heading South. The boundary then cuts across to New Lane and heads South, parallel with Old Copse Road. To the South, the boundary runs North along Leigh Road and then cuts West across to roundabout linking with the B2149, heads South down the B2149 and finally heads west, parallel with the train line. To the West, the boundary runs North between Trosnant Road and Tisbury Crescent. The boundary then runs parallel, North of Barncroft Way and Priorsdean Crescent, cuts through Ditcham Crescent and Adsdean Close, and then cuts along Riders Lane. The boundary then crosses Dursbury Way heading North East up to the Great Copse. Here the Boundary runs West and parallel with Bondifeilds Crescent and Crondefeild Avenue, then cutting West along Middlepark Way and Woolston Road. Finally the boundary Heads North West along Calshot Road, after which the boundary runs along Park Lane, crossing the A3 and running parallel, just West of the A3 to the Northern boundary.