

Waiting lists and appeals – Reception entry – September 2026

Dixons Music Primary Academy

General information

The Academy received 179 applications via the local authorities' common application / preference forms.

All places were offered via the co-ordinated admission scheme, operated by the local authorities, and allocated in accordance with the oversubscription criteria (listed below).

Late forms

Where a Common Application / Preference Form (CAF / CPF) was submitted late, these children were considered after those for whom the form had been submitted by the deadline.

Application of the oversubscription criteria

Places were allocated based upon application of the oversubscription criteria, which includes a distance rule.

No places were allocated based on the nursery / childminder a child attends, their gender, their ethnicity, or their background. If a child was not successful in gaining a place at the Academy, this was solely because they did not qualify as high as other children on the list. For example, they live further away than other children on the list or do not have a sibling (brother / sister) at the Academy.

Places were filled in line with the oversubscription criteria stated in the Admissions and Appeals Policy (a copy of which can be found on the Academy's website). Below is a table showing the number of applications there were and how many places were allocated in each criterion:

Number who named the Academy as a preference:	179
Number of places available	60
Number who remained on the preference list after the last place was allocated (for national offer day)	97
<i>Number of places allocated to each oversubscription criterion in order of priority</i>	
Children with an EHCP	4
Looked-after & former looked-after children	0
Children with exceptional medical or social need (applications agreed)	0
Music specialist places (10%)	6
Children of staff (up to 2)	0
Siblings* of children at Dixons Music	31
Children in receipt of early years pupil premium	0
Distance criterion (furthest place allocated under distance criterion was 0.458 miles)	19
Twins / triplets / siblings of children in same admission year allocated under random allocation	0
Total places allocated	60

* Siblings are children with brothers / sisters who are currently attending the Academy and who will still be attending the Academy in September, and who live at the same address.

Waiting lists

Anyone who is not offered a place will automatically have their details kept on a reserve / waiting list until the end of December 2026. It is not necessary to contact the Academy to ask to remain on the waiting list, but you should complete and return the local authority (Council) waiting list form (available to download from the [website](#)) so that they are aware of your wish to remain on the waiting list for the Academy and any other schools you applied for.

If you want to keep your child's details on the waiting list after December, you will need to complete a new application form in January 2026.

Should you wish to make a specific enquiry about the waiting list, please contact the Admissions Office for the Academy.

E-mail: admissions@dixonsta.com

Telephone: 01274 089870 – option 7

Appeals – Frequently asked questions and statistics

If you are dissatisfied with the admission decision, you have the right to make a representation to the Appeals Panel, which is independent of the Academy. Please be aware that appeals for infant classes / Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1, and Year 2) are subject to the infant class size rule (outlined below) and classes must not contain more than 30 pupils with a single schoolteacher. For this reason, appeals are very rarely upheld for those year groups.

Infant class size

The DfE states that admission authorities must provide parents with the following information which outlines the limited circumstances in which an infant class size appeal can be upheld; this is so that parents can make an informed decision about whether to submit an appeal.

The Government has set a limit on the size of infant classes (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2), as described below. Appeals are very rarely upheld for infant classes because of this.

2.15 Infant class size – Infant classes (those where the majority of children will reach the age of 5, 6 or 7 during the school year) must not contain more than 30 pupils with a single school teacher. Additional children may be admitted under limited exceptional circumstances. These children will remain an 'excepted pupil' for the time they are in an infant class or until the class numbers fall back to the current infant class size limit. The excepted children are:

- a) children admitted outside the normal admissions round with statements of special educational needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan specifying a school;
- b) looked after children and previously looked after children admitted outside the normal admissions round;
- c) children admitted, after initial allocation of places, because of a procedural error made by the admission authority or local authority in the original application process;
- d) children admitted after an independent appeals panel upholds an appeal;
- e) children who move into the area outside the normal admissions round for whom there is no other available school within reasonable distance;
- f) children of UK service personnel admitted outside the normal admissions round;
- g) children whose twin or sibling from a multiple birth is admitted otherwise than as an excepted pupil;
- h) children with special educational needs who are normally taught in a special educational needs unit attached to the school, or registered at a special school, who attend some infant classes within the mainstream school.

Before any appeal takes place, the year group will be full. No places are 'reserved' for children whose appeals are upheld.

As well as considering the reasons a parent gives why the child should be admitted, the panel also consider if the application was made correctly and on time, if the admission arrangements complied with the mandatory requirements of the School Admissions Code, whether those arrangements were correctly and impartially applied to that application, and the Academy's case for why it cannot admit any more children.

Any upheld appeal will result in the year group being over the published admission number (PAN). The Academy will make a case that admitting another child could be detrimental (harmful) due to the health and safety implications and the impact on the teaching and learning of all or some of the pupils in the year group.

You will need to demonstrate to the appeal panel that your reasons for wanting your child to attend the Academy and the detriment (harm) that will be caused by them not attending, is stronger than the Academy's case.

The figures below show the number of appeals received for the last three years, both for entry at the start of Reception and for in-year appeals.

Dixons Music Primary *	Heard	Upheld	Rejected
2025 – Reception entry	0	0	0
2024 – Reception entry	5	0	5
2023 – Reception entry	7	0	7
In-Year 2024-25	1	0	1
In-Year 2023-24	2	0	2
In-Year 2022-23	6	0	6

How and when should I appeal

A link to the form can be found on the [appeals](#) page of the Academy's website.

What should I put in my appeal?

It is important to put on the form *all* your reasons for wanting a place at the Academy. It is *your* responsibility to provide any supporting documentation, such as letters from a hospital consultant / paediatrician, a support worker, or any other organisation.

If you cannot submit all your documents with your appeal form, you must make sure you submit these at least 5 days before your appeal hearing. If you submit additional documents after this or on the day itself, the panel may be unable to consider them, or they may defer your appeal to another date. The panel cannot consider documents submitted after the appeal hearing has taken place.

If my appeal is refused, can I appeal again?

If you are unsuccessful in your appeal, a second appeal will only be considered for the same academic year if there has been a significant change in your circumstances, because of which a new application has been accepted.

Please note

You cannot appeal for an academy if you did not list it on your local authority's online system / common application form (CAF).