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**Date of next review: July 2022**

**Responsible person: Assistant Principal [Student Welfare]**

## **Admissions Policy**

**For Academic Year 2021/22**

### **Objectives**

The Boulevard Academy will abide by the admissions code, the school admission appeals code and the admissions law and arrangements for over subscription. We will consult with the Local Authority on our admission arrangements.

### **Admissions Number**

The admission number for Year 7 is **180** pupils.

### **Priority Admissions**

The following priority admissions will be applied before any other criteria are applied:

*Section 324 of the Education Act 1996 requires the governing body of a maintained school to admit a child with a **statement of special educational needs** that names that school; it also requires the school to admit a child with an **Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP)** that names the school.*

### **Oversubscription**

In the case of an oversubscription where the number of applications after the allocation of priority admissions, is greater than the number published above, the criteria below will be used in the following order, with any remaining places being allocated to the next criteria

All siblings of multiple births will be treated as a single application.

1. Children who are, or were previously, in the care of a Local Authority as per section 22 of the Children Act 1989.
2. Having a brother or sister that lives in the same house who will be attending the Academy at the expected time of admission.
3. Being the child of a member of staff at the Academy. The member of staff must have been employed at the school for 6 months or more at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made.

Random application will be applied as a tie-breaker for each of the above criteria if required.

### **Definitions**

Brother or sister includes step or half siblings and other children who are living as permanent members of the household of a child on the Academy roll at the start of the academic year of admission.

### **Waiting list**

Where in any year The Boulevard Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the first term after the beginning of the Academy Year.

### **Shared Parenting**

Where a child lives between addresses then the address where he or she resides will be determined as the address at which the child is registered with their GP. Parents may be asked for evidence of this.

### **Late applications**

Apart from for applications for Looked After Children (who must always be given top priority), applications from statemented children naming the Academy on their statement and applications from those with an educational healthcare plan that named the Academy, any applications received after the closing date will be considered only after those received by the closing date. You are therefore encouraged to ensure that your application is received on time.

### **Fraudulent Information**

If the allocation of a place has been made based on fraudulent or intentionally misleading information, the governors reserve the right to withdraw the place. In certain circumstances places may be withdrawn after a child has started at the Academy.

### **Appeals Procedures**

Parents wishing to appeal against the refusal to admit a child to the Academy may do so by writing to the Chairman of the Governing body of the Academy, preferably within 14 school days of receipt by parents of a letter from the Academy informing them that a place is not available. An independent appeals panel will be convened to consider the appeal.

Further Information: If you require further information about the admissions process please contact Mrs Janice Mitchell, Principal at The Boulevard Academy.

### **Additional Information**

We will work in coordination with the local authority for the admissions process and look at an appeal process which will be fair. People not associated with the Academy will be on the appeals panel to make it a fair and balanced process.

### **Schedule for admissions process**

For 2018 and subsequent years, The Boulevard Academy intend to participate in Hull LAs co-ordinated admission Scheme, with offers being sent out by the LA.

## **GENERAL OBLIGATIONS**

The Boulevard Academy will act in accordance with, and will ensure that an Independent Appeals Panel is trained to act in accordance with, all relevant provisions of the School Admissions Code and the School Admission Appeals Code published by the Department for Education (“the Codes”) as they apply at any given time to maintained schools and with equalities law and the law on admissions as they apply to maintained schools.

For this purpose, reference in the Codes or legislation to “admission authorities” shall be deemed to be references to the governing body of The Boulevard Academy.

The Boulevard Academy shall ensure that parents and ‘relevant children’ will have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel if they are dissatisfied with an admission decision of the Academy Trust. The Independent Appeal Panel will be independent of The Boulevard Academy. The arrangements for appeals will comply with the School Admission Appeals Code published by the Department for Education as it applies to Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools. The determination of the appeal panel is binding on all parties.