

## St Augustine Academy Admissions Criteria 2025/2026

### Oversubscription Criteria

Before the application of the oversubscription criteria, children with a Statement of Special Educational Need or Education, Health Care Plan, which names St Augustine Academy will be admitted. As a result of this the published admissions criteria will be reduced accordingly.

If the number of preferences for the school is more than the number of places available, in this case 150, places will be allocated in the following priority order: -

#### 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.

A previously looked after child means such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children 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.

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.

#### 2. Current Family Association

A brother or sister attending the Academy when the child starts. In this context brother or sister means children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters.

#### 3. Nearness of children's homes to school

We use the distance between the child's permanent home address (defined in KCC's annual admissions prospectus) and the school, measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by NLPG. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for the school, these straight-line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school. Where applications are made from properties or abodes that are not registered to the NLPG, including new build properties, KCC may be required to use planning sites or other relevant co-ordinates. In exceptional circumstances where alternative co-ordinates are not available, measurements will be determined by a Senior Admissions Officer and confirmed by Head of Service.

In the event of any of the above criteria being oversubscribed, priority will be given based on distance as described above with those closest being given higher priority. In the unlikely event that two or more children in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the Academy, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place.

If siblings from multiple births (twins, triplets, etc) apply for a school and the school would reach its Published Admission Number (PAN) after admitting one or more, but before admitting all of those siblings, the LA will offer a place to each of the siblings, even if doing so takes the school above its PAN.

After a place has been offered the Academy reserves the right to withdraw the place in the following circumstances:

- a. When the parent or learner has failed to respond to an offer within a reasonable time; or
- b. When a parent or learner has failed to notify the Academy of important changes to the application information; or

c. The admission authority offered the place on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from the parent or learner.

## Application Procedure

For the normal point of entry to schools, Kent resident parents will be able to apply for their child's school place online at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola). Kent County Council cannot accept multiple applications for the same child: a parent may use either of the above methods, but not both. Kent County Council will take all reasonable steps to ensure that every parent resident in the Kent County Council area who has a child in their last year of Primary education knows how to apply for a school place by completing a SCAF online at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) or on paper, and has access to a written explanation of the co-ordinated admissions scheme. Parents will be asked to accept any offer of a place at St Augustine Academy by Friday 15th March 2024.

Requests for admission outside of the normal age group should be made to the Headteacher of each preferred school as early as possible in the admissions round associated with that child's date of birth. This will allow the school and admissions authority sufficient time to make a decision before the closing date. Parents are not expected to provide evidence to support their request to defer their application, however where provided it must be specific to the child in question. This might include medical or Educational Psychologist reports. There is no legal requirement for this medical or educational evidence to be secured from an appropriate professional, however, failure to provide this may impede a school's ability to agree to deferral. Parents are required to complete an application for the normal point of entry at the same time, in case their request is declined. Deferred applications must be made via paper CAF to the LA, with written confirmation from each named school attached. Deferred applications will be processed in the same way as all applications for the cohort in the following admissions round, and offers will be made in accordance with each school's oversubscription criteria.

**Waiting Lists** - A waiting list will be held at least the first term of the academic year, ranked according to the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be re-ranked, in line with the published oversubscription criteria, every time a child is added. Where an application is cancelled, parents cannot join a school's waiting list or appeal for a school that was on their original application unless they submit a new application for the school after Thursday 24 April 2025