



Admissions Criteria for entry from 1 September 2026

Hailsham Academy

MARK Education Trust will ensure that oversubscription criteria are reasonable, clear, objective, procedurally fair, and compliant with all relevant legislation, including equalities legislation. This means that the oversubscription criteria will not unfairly disadvantage, whether directly or indirectly, any child based on a protected characteristic or economic disadvantage.

Hailsham Academy is an all-through school. This means that children in Year 6 (in September 2025) in the Primary Phase will have an automatic entitlement to transfer to Year 7 in the Secondary Phase in September 2026 and 60 places have been allocated for this transfer.

MARK Education Trust has agreed the Published Admission Number (PAN) of 180 (+ 60 from Primary Phase) for Year 7 applications for entry to Hailsham Academy in September 2026, received during the academic year 2025-26.

Where Hailsham Academy receives applications beneath the PAN, all applicants will be admitted.

After the admission of students where the academy is named on an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP), the criteria will be applied to all applications in the priority order set out below, when there is oversubscription:

1. Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children that have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. 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.
2. Children who will have a sibling at the school (in either phase) at the time of admission and who live at the same address, within the predefined community area*. Sibling is defined as full, step, half, adopted or foster brother or sister.
3. Children wishing to transfer to Reception class from Hailsham Academy Pre-school.
4. Other children living **within** the predefined community area*.
5. Children who will have a sibling at the school (in either phase) at the time of admission who live at the same address, outside the predefined community area*. Sibling is defined as full, step, half, adopted or foster brother or sister.
6. Other children living **outside** the pre-defined community area*.

* The pre-defined community area can be accessed on ESCC's admissions page [here](#).

Distance measure

Within each of the individual criteria above, applications are prioritised by those that live closest to the academy. Distances will be measured using East Sussex County Council's definition and systems. This measures from the address point in the academy to the address point in the family home, in a straight line.

Tie breaker

If, after all of the relevant criteria has been applied as above, two applicants cannot be separated for a final place, the academy will use random allocation, which will be independently verified to reach a decision.