

ADMISSION POLICY FOR 2026/27 FOR OUTWOOD ACADEMY BYDALES, OUTWOOD ACADEMY NORMANBY AND OUTWOOD ACADEMY REDCAR

The admission authority for Outwood academies is Outwood Grange Academies Trust. The admission number for our academies for 2026/27 has been set at:

Outwood Academy Bydales	150
Outwood Academy Normanby	150
Outwood Academy Redcar	150

There are no changes proposed to the school admission policy for 2026/27. Where there are more applications for a school than there are places available, it is proposed that places will be allocated using the over subscription criteria shown in the table below.

OVER - SUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA 2026/27

CRITERIA (in priority order)	EXPLANATORY NOTES
i) Looked after children in local authority care.	Children who are looked after; or who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. This includes those who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. 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 (Section 22(1) of the Children's Act 1989).
ii) Children who are permanently resident in the admission zone defined for the school.	For the purposes of determining whether a child lives within the admission zone, only the address at which the parent/guardian ordinarily resides and with whom the child normally lives will be taken into account. If parents are separated and the child lives for periods of time with both parents, the address used will be of the parent who receives child benefit for the child (if eligible). If neither parent is eligible for child benefit, the address used will be that on the child's medical registration card (proof may be required). Short term tenancies entered into with the prime objective of securing admission for a child at a particular school will not qualify as places of ordinary residence. The local authority will take action should false information be submitted in order to secure a place at a particular school.
(iii) Children not living in the admission zone who have	Brothers and sisters and step brothers and sisters will qualify under this criterion as long as they both live at the

<p>elder brothers or sisters attending the school in the 2026/27 school year.</p>	<p>same permanent address and the elder sibling is still attending the preferred school in the 2026/27 school year. 'Sibling' refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.</p>
<p>(iv) Children not living within the admission zone who have exceptional social and/or medical reasons for attending a particular school, professionally supported by an independent third party and sustained by the Authority's professional advisors.</p>	<p>Social reasons generally do not include domestic circumstances such as parents' working commitments, child care arrangements, or separation from friends. In the case of medical reasons, evidence would need to demonstrate the exceptional long-term nature of the condition. All mainstream schools are able to cater for a wide range of medical needs which may be encountered by children. You are strongly urged to provide independent third party information (e.g., from a professional person who knows or is involved with your child) in support of any exceptional long-term medical or social reason why you think your child should be given special consideration for placement in a particular school. This written support must make clear why the preferred school is the only school which could meet your child's needs. The submission of independent information will not automatically guarantee a place under this criterion. However, the evidence will be carefully considered by the local authority's professional advisors as to whether or not your application falls into this category.</p>
<p>(v) Children living closest to the school</p>	<p>The distance from home to school will be measured by computer on a straight line basis using the number and postcode of the house and the postcode of the school.</p>

Tie-break:

If it is necessary to distinguish between children within categories (i)-(iv), places will be offered using the criteria listed above in priority order and determined by criteria (v) - measurement on a straight line basis using the number and postcode of the house and the postcode of the school. In the case of a tie break in category (v) the final allocation will be determined using the shortest walking route using the number and postcode of the house and the postcode of the school.

Late Applications:

Applications received after the closing date will be considered after applications that were received on time unless there was good reason for their lateness. An example of this would be a new family moving to the area after the closing date.

Waiting Lists:

Waiting lists for both reception and year 7 will be maintained until 31 December 2026. Any places that become available will be allocated in accordance with the published oversubscription criteria.

Admission of a child 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. If you wish to request admission of a child outside of their normal year group you should make an application for the normal time of entry and then put a request in writing to the School Admissions Team asking to defer the entry date and giving your reasons for the request. The request will be considered in consultation with the school concerned and you will be notified of the outcome of your request. If the request is agreed, you should then submit a new application at the time applications are being taken for the new admission date. Please note – the deferred application will be considered against all other applications for entry that year based upon a strict application of the admissions criteria and agreement to deferral does not automatically mean your child will be offered a place at the school in that year.

Requests for mid-year transfer school admission:

Applications will be coordinated by the Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council Admissions Team on behalf of all schools within the borough. Any requests for transfer should be made to the admissions team on 01642 837740.

Timetable for the co-ordinated admission arrangements 2026/27**Secondary Schools**

31 October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing date for receipt of online and paper applications
1 March 2026	<p>NATIONAL OFFER DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA sends letters to all parents informing them of the allocated schools • LA informs schools of final offers
May – July 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appeals to be heard by Independent Panels
31 December 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission round ends • Waiting lists close