



Introduction

The Cornwall Education Learning Trust is the admitting authority for the Academy. The Cornwall Education Learning Trust participates in the Local Authority Co-ordinated Admissions Policy.

Penrice Academy is an 11-16 mixed Academy serving the needs of the young people of St Austell and the surrounding area.

The main principle of admission to Penrice Academy is to maintain the character of the Academy as a comprehensive school, providing for the needs of young people within the 11-16 age range, who live in St Austell and the surrounding areas, providing they can be accommodated within the agreed admission limits. We are an inclusive school and welcome all applications. Our uniform policy is intended to encourage a professional appearance and a pride in the Academy. We have tried to keep this to a reasonable cost while maintaining a high level of conformity.

Admission to our Academy is not dependent on any voluntary contribution and we have a full range of extra-curricular activities available for all students. We have an extensive programme of visits for which a charge is made, but we are always pleased to discuss any concerns you may have.

Students will be admitted to Year 7 without reference to ability or aptitude using the procedures detailed in this document, which includes arrangements and criteria that will be applied in the event of over-subscription.

The number intended to be admitted in September 2023 will be 270.

The Academy participates in the Local Authority Co-ordinated Scheme and applicants should adhere to all deadlines within that. All applications for places in Year 7 must be made on a common application form provided by the Local Authority.

This policy is written with full adherence to and in accordance with the Schools Admissions Code (September 2021). All statutory obligations defined within this code apply, including the operation of an equal preference scheme.

Over-subscription

In the event of there being more than 270 applications for places, after the admission of students with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming Penrice Academy, the following admission criteria will be used to allocate places: -

1 Children in care or children that were previously in care but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including those who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in care as a result of being adopted.

* Children in care and children who were previously in care

A 'child in care' is also referred to as a 'looked after child' and 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).

A 'Child Arrangement Order' is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'Special Guardianship Order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).



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 (see Section 23ZZA(8) of the Children Act 1989 (inserted by Section 4 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017)).

2 Children with siblings who will still be attending Penrice Academy at the time of their admission. Siblings (brothers or sisters) are considered to be those children who live at the same address and either: -

- have one or both natural parents in common
- are related by a parent's marriage
- are adopted or are fostered

3 Children of staff at the school

- where the member of staff has been employed at the Academy for two or more years at the time at which the application to the Academy is made; and/or
- the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

4 Children on roll at a designated Primary School.

The designated Primary Schools are: -

Mount Charles
Sandy Hill
St Mewan
Pondhu
Charlestown
Mevagissey
Carclaze
Bishop Bronescombe
Luxulyan

If there are more children on roll at a designated primary school wanting places than there are places available after the allocation of children under criteria 1 to 4, the following criteria 5 to 6 will be used to decide which of these children should have priority for admission. If there are still places available after all the children on roll at a designated primary school have been allocated places, criteria 5 to 6 will be used to decide which of the remaining children should have priority for any spare places.

5 Designated Area

Children who live in the designated area of Penrice Academy, or whose parents can provide evidence that they will be living in the designated area of Penrice Academy by the requested date of admission.

6 Distance from school with those living closer having greater priority.

Home to school distances used will be measured by straight-line measurement as determined by Cornwall Council's nominated Geographical Information System. Measurements will be between your home address (the centre of the main building of the property) and the main gate of the school (as determined by Cornwall Council).



Distances used to determine nearest school with room (i.e. – where it is not possible to offer a place at a preferred school) and for establishing transport entitlements will be measured by the nearest available route as determined by Cornwall Council's nominated Geographic Information software.

Tie-breaker

If any of the criteria outlined above leave more children with an equal claim than places available, the following tie-breaker will be used:

Where two or more children fulfil the same criterion, a random allocation will be made in accordance with the Admissions Code (September 2021).

Admission outside the normal age group

Although most children will be admitted to the school with their own age group, from time to time parents seek places outside their normal age group for gifted and talented children or those who have experienced problems or missed part of the year, often due to ill health. While it would not normally be appropriate for a child to be placed in a year group that is not concurrent with their chronological age, the school will consider these requests carefully, and will make a decision based on the particular circumstances of each case.

Operation of Waiting Lists

Subject to any provision regarding waiting lists in the LA's co-ordinated admissions scheme, the Academy, in partnership with the Local Authority, will operate a waiting list for each year group.

A child's position on this waiting list will be determined by the Academy's published over-subscription criteria. However, children who are the subject of a direction by the Local Authority, who are subject to a successful admissions appeal or who are allocated to the school in accordance with the Fair Access Protocol, will take precedence over any child already on the waiting list.

Appeals

All applicants who are refused a place for their child at the Academy will be advised of their right of appeal to an independent appeal panel. All appeals will be administered by the LA on behalf of the Academy Trust.