

# Admissions Statement

## For 2027 - 2028



EPA Trust is the Admissions Authority for all Trust schools, and the Trust and its schools are required by their Funding Agreements to comply with the Schools Admissions Code. The responsibility for the administration of an individual EPA school's admissions has been delegated by EPA to each school's Local Governing Body (LGB). All admissions policies, procedures and approaches must be in line with the DfE Code of Practice and the advice of the Diocese of Oxford for our Church schools.

The primary responsibilities of the LGB are to review and recommend for approval to the Trust Board any proposed changes to their school admissions and to ensure that pupils are admitted to the school in line with the policies and procedures above.

The EPA Trust Board will take responsibility for supporting schools with any decisions over changes to individual school admissions and will discuss this with Oxfordshire County Council, and the Diocese of Oxford for Church schools.

EPA schools participate in the in-year admissions arrangements for Oxfordshire County Council and the position of the Trust is for the Local Governing Bodies to use the Local Authority admissions team to administer the admissions process (with the exception of Nursery and Sixth Form applications).

As outlined in Section 2.7 of the School Admissions Code 2021:

2.7 Admission authorities must allocate places on the basis of their determined admission arrangements only. A decision to offer or refuse admission must not be made by one individual in an admission authority.

Applications to attend any EPA school are welcomed from all families.

Details on how to apply for places in Reception and Year 7 can be found via the Local Authority website: <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/starting-school>.

For those EPA schools with Nursery or Sixth Form provision, individual admissions arrangements are published on school websites or are available directly from the school.

If you would like to move school at any other time you can find more details via this link: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/transferring-or-moving-different-school>.

Admissions arrangements for each EPA school can be found via the Local Authority website and via each school's website. Individual admissions policies and designated catchment areas for each school within the EPA can be found by clicking on the relevant school via this link: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/schools/list/all>

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admissions Appeals Code. Details of the procedure are available from the Oxfordshire County Council website: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schoolappeals](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schoolappeals). The decision of the Appeal Panel is binding on all parties.