

Applying for a place at Redmoor Academy

We have recently been contacted by a number of families regarding securing a place for their child at Redmoor Academy.

I understand there is some confusion regarding the "rights" of parents and carers to choose their preferred secondary school. Hopefully, I can clarify the issue for you.

*"Families are invited to nominate a ranked list of preferred schools for their child. If there is space at these schools, then **the parents' choice is decisive**. If a school is over-subscribed, then other criteria come into play, **but the parents' choices remain an important input** into the assignment."*

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Families have the right to express their choice of **any** secondary school for their child. If there are places available they will automatically be allocated one. **Although secondary schools identify "feeder" schools, this DOESN'T exclusively determine the school a child will attend.**

For September 2015, Redmoor Academy has allocated places to children attending **seventeen** different primary schools.

To clarify;

Redmoor will have **185** places available in Year 7 for September 2016

If more parents choose Redmoor Academy than there are places available, we will apply our "Oversubscription" criteria to prioritise the allocation of places.

The Redmoor Academy "Oversubscription Criteria" is published on our website.

- We have a statutory obligation to allocate a place to a child with a statement of Educational Need.
- Our next priority is those children who live within our catchment area. All three secondary schools in Hinckley share a common catchment area, although Redmoor Academy does also include Stoney Stanton and surrounding area as there is a long tradition of families from that area opting to attend the academy.
- We then prioritise, from all those who live **within** the common catchment area, those children who have siblings already attending Redmoor Academy.

- The next priority is for children attending one of the nominated “feeder schools”. At this stage the majority, but certainly not all, places are allocated. (We have allocated places to children attending **seventeen** different primary schools for September).
- In previous years, a significant number of places are allocated to children living nearest to the academy “as the crow flies”

Appeals

Those who were unsuccessful in securing a place at their preferred school have the right to appeal to an independent appeals panel. All those who appealed to the panel for a place at Redmoor Academy for September 2015 were successful. However, this doesn't mean that appeals to the independent panel are always successful

I hope you found this information useful. Please view our Admissions Policy for further details.

Do not hesitate to contact the academy should you require further information.