



Devonport
High School
For Boys

Admission Policy for In Year Admission

Admission arrangements

Admission to the school is on the basis of selection by reference to ability or aptitude.

The tests will comprise an assessment of potential through internal Mathematics and English papers. Internal Science papers will be added for students in Year 10 and Year 11. Results will be placed in one of two bands.

A	Candidates who achieve a qualifying mark	The candidate has qualified and is eligible for consideration for a place at the school.
B	Candidates who do not achieve the qualifying mark	The candidate has not qualified and so is ineligible to be considered for a place at this selective school

Category A candidates will be listed and their names will be returned to the Plymouth LA who will notify parents via their home local authority. Parents will also be supported by the DHSB Family Support Advisor who will work with parents towards a smooth transfer.

If there are no vacancies then the candidate will be placed on the school waiting list (for one year from the date of testing).

Right of Appeal: All parents have the right of an appeal to an independent panel and should contact the school for the forms and further details. The panel will take account of the evidence provided by the parents. Contact details: clerk@dhsb.org or 01752 208787.

Notes

A candidate who is listed in Category A and whose education, health and care plan (EHCP) or special educational needs (SEN) statement names DHSB will be admitted, if there is a vacancy.

If it is necessary to distinguish between children in a particular category, priority will be determined on the basis of distance between home and school measured by a straight line on the map using Plymouth City Council's electronic mapping system – the shorter the distance, the higher the priority. Measurement points will be from an internal point of the building concerned (the visual centre of the building(s)). Flats are therefore taken to be the same measurement point regardless of floor of location.

Admission out of the normal age group: Places will normally be offered in the year group according to the child's date of birth but a parent may submit an application for a year group other than the child's chronological year group. A decision will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. We will also take into account the views of the headteacher of the school(s) concerned. Parents must not assume that the decision of one school will transfer with the child to a different school as the decision rests with the individual admission authority. Where a place is refused in a different year group but a place is offered in the school, there will be no right of appeal.

Over subscription criteria

Those achieving the highest scores will have priority. To resolve any tied positions within this ranked list the following four criteria will be used (strictly in this order)

1. Looked after children and all previously looked after children. 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 (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. 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. In the event of an unresolved tie, then the mark for the English paper will be used to discriminate between candidates.
3. If there is still a tie then distance from the school, measured in a straight line on a map, will be used to favour those living nearer to the school (see notes)
4. Finally, a random number generator will be used. This will be supervised by the DHSB Admission Panel.

Application procedure

Parents must apply for a place at the school by completing the application form provided by their home LA (i.e. the LA serving their home address) and returning it to them by post or on-line. Parents are also asked to return to the school the in year admission supplementary information form (on-line at www.dhsb.org).

The school will administer the admission test and will, as is required, inform the LA of the admission decisions. Parents will be informed by the Home LA of the decision.

All parents are entitled to appeal against non-admission. Requests for appeals will be passed on to the school by the LA and will be considered by an independent appeal panel.