

Proposed Admissions Arrangements

2026/27

Including starting school in September 2026

**This policy applies to Brinsworth Academy, an NCLT
Secondary School with 6th Form.**



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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Brinsworth Academy is a secondary school and sixth form in Rotherham providing education for 11–18-year-olds. It is a member of the New Collaborative Learning Trust. The trust currently runs three secondary schools and three primary schools in the Rotherham area and these are: Brinsworth Academy, Dinnington High School, Wingfield Academy and three primary Schools: Thorpe Hesley Primary, Redscope Primary and Anston Greenlands Primary.

Achieving Excellence is the overriding ambition of the New Collaborative Learning Trust. We place students at the centre of everything we do, creating a culture of success and a love of learning which enhances students' achievement and their personal, social and emotional development.

Our aim to achieve excellence drives policy, practice and governance. Professional excellence at all levels underpins our approach. A high-quality educational experience is an entitlement for every student; it is an absolute priority that everyone, irrespective of their starting point, succeeds and achieves. Further information about the Academy can be found on our website and in the Academy Prospectus. Academy open evenings are also held on a regular basis.

If you wish for your son or daughter to attend to attend Brinsworth Academy you will need to apply formally for a place at Brinsworth Academy. These guidance notes explain how you can apply for a place and how your application will be handled.

- 1.2 Brinsworth Academy is its own admission authority. We are responsible for our own admission arrangements and the admission policy and procedures are approved annually by the Academy Trust. Brinsworth Academy is situated within the Rotherham Local Authority and the Trust has agreed to co-ordinate school admission with the local authority. What this means is that you apply directly to the Local Authority for a school place at Brinsworth. Your application is forwarded to the Brinsworth Academy who make the decision on the offer of a school place

The Rotherham Authority co-ordinates school admissions for both admissions into Year 7 and in-year applications. Parents/carers will receive a letter from RMBC about transfer to secondary education, including an opportunity to request the preferred school.

- a) Apply online at www.rotherham.gov.uk/schools or alternatively
- b) Request a paper application form from the Admissions Team and apply by post

On-line application is available from the RMBC website as well as telephone and email application.

Information on the co-ordinated scheme and the Rotherham School booklet is available as a download or from the RMBC website.

- 1.3 **The closing date for applications is the 31 October 2025.**

- 1.4 **On 1 March 2025 the Rotherham Local Authority will send an email will to you if you applied online, or a letter will be posted to your home address if you**

applied by post or did not request an email on your online application. This letter or email will notify you which school your child has been allocated.

- 1.5 Our admission arrangements, which are determined annually, are published on the Academy website. A copy is also provided to the Local Authority for publication in the Secondary School composite booklet. Our admission arrangements are determined each year by the 28th February and are published on Brinsworth Academy web-site by the 15th March

2.0 Admissions Criteria for Brinsworth Academy and Published Admission Number

You should read the following information before submitting a requesting a place at Brinsworth Academy.

- 2.1 **Published Admission Number.** Pupil transfer to secondary school into Year 7, this is called the relevant year group. Every Academy/School has to set a limit on the number of pupils that can be admitted each year. This is called the published admission number. The published admission number is set annually by the Academy Trust and is the maximum number of pupils that can be admitted to Year 7. **The published admission number for September 2026, approved by the Academy Trust, is 270.**
- 2.2 **Ranking** - Places at Brinsworth Academy are allocated according to the admission criteria detailed below. No account is taken of the ranking of the preference. The Academy will consider all preferences equally.
- 2.3 **Children with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)** - Children with an EHCP that names Brinsworth Academy in the final Plan will be admitted to the Academy. The majority of children with special educational needs will not require an Education Health and Care Plan. Applications for children who have special educational needs, but no plan, will be considered on the basis of the Academy's published admissions criteria.
- 2.4 **Oversubscription** - If the Academy receives fewer applications than places available then all pupils will be admitted. If there are more applications than places available, they will be allocated up to the admission number in the following order of priority:
- i) Relevant Looked after Children and previously Looked after Children. (see note (d) for definition in notes below)
 - ii) Children who, on 31 October of 2025, have a specific medical reason, confirmed by a medical practitioner, which the Academy is satisfied makes attendance essential. Full supporting information should be provided with their application.
 - iii) Children who, on 31 October of 2025, have a compelling social reason which the Academy is satisfied makes attendance essential. The kind of overriding social reasons which could be accepted are where there is evidence that the children's education would be seriously impaired if he or she did not attend the school. Full supporting information should be provided with their application.

Please note: Very few cases are agreed annually on medical or social grounds.

- iv) Children who, on 31 October of 2025, live in the catchment area of the Academy and it is expected will have an older brother or sister on roll in Years 8-11 at the start of the academic year in which they start the Academy. The Academy's catchment area streets are identified in Appendix 1. [see notes (a) and (b) below].
- v) Children who, on 31 October of 2025, live in the catchment area of the Academy, A copy of the Academy's catchment area is available on the school website. [See notes (a) and (b) below].
- vi) Children who, on 31 October of 2025 it is expected will have an older brother or sister on the roll of the Academy in Years 8-11 at the start of the academic year in which they start the Academy [see note (c) below].
- vii) Children who, on 31 October of 2025, are on the roll of one of the associated primary schools:

The associated primary schools are – Brinsworth Howarth, Brinsworth Manor, Brinsworth Whitehill, Catcliffe, Whiston, Whiston Worrygoose, Waverley.

NOTE - All though many pupils do attend Brinsworth Academy from Tinsley Primary School, in Sheffield, the school is not an associated primary school.

viii) Children of staff at the school meeting the following criteria:

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

ix) Children who, on 31 October of 2025, live nearest to Academy measured by a straight line on a horizontal plane, (commonly known as measurement "as the crow flies"). The measurement is determined by a Geographical Information System, which is based on Ordnance Survey information.

NOTES:

a) **Live/living** - This means that a child is habitually and normally resident at an address for a settled purpose which is not solely to receive education. You may be required to provide proof of residency e.g. Council Tax bill, Residence Order, etc.

The child's ordinary place of residence will be deemed to be the residential property at which the child normally and habitually resides, with the person(s) having parental responsibility, at the closing date for the receipt of the completed Common Application Form. Where residency is split equally between two people with parental responsibility the child's ordinary place of residence will be deemed to be with the person who received Child Benefit on the 31 October 2025.

Where parental responsibility is held by more than one person and those persons reside in separate properties, the child's ordinary place of residence will be deemed to be that property at which the child normally and habitually resides for the greater part of the week including weekends, not solely for the purpose of receiving education.

Places will be allocated based on your residential address on 31 October 2025. Therefore, you must notify RMBC's Admissions Team in writing if you change address before this date. You may be asked to provide proof of residence (e.g. utility/council tax bill).

Documentary evidence of ownership or rental agreement may be required together with proof of actual permanent residency at the property concerned.

b) **Siblings** - For a child to be considered a sibling, one of the following conditions must exist (you may be asked to provide proof e.g. Birth Certificate and proof of residence):

- Brother/sister to be permanently resident at the same address
- Stepbrother/stepsister to be permanently resident at the same address
- Half-brother/half-sister to be permanently resident at the same address
- Brother/sister who do not live at the same residence but, who share the same parents
- Child of the parent/carer's partner to be permanently resident at the same address
- Adopted brother/sister permanently resident at the same address

c) **Older Siblings** - Children with an older brother or sister on the roll of the Academy will be considered as having a sibling if the older child is in Y11 or Y12 on the 31 October of Year 6.

Parents/carers of children resident in Rotherham who are entering their last year of primary education should receive a letter from their child's primary school setting out RMBC's arrangements for the admission of children into secondary school.

d) **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. All previously looked after children, (or who became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order). Including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

e) **Multiple births** - Where applications are received for twins, triplets, siblings born in the same academic year etc. these will be treated equally as there is nothing within the admission criteria to distinguish between them.

f) **Tie break** - Where the admission number is likely to be reached mid category, priority will be given to those children who, on 31 October 2025, live nearest to the school measured by a straight line on a horizontal plane (commonly known as measurement, "as the crow flies"). The measurement is determined by a Geographical Information System, which is based on Ordnance Survey information. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the

names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

- f) **Children of UK service personnel (UK Armed Forces)** – For families of service personnel with a confirmed posting to their area, or crown servants returning from overseas to live in that area, the Academy will allocate a place in advance of the family arriving in the area provided the application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date and a Unit postal address or quartering area address. When considering the application against their oversubscription criteria, we will accept a Unit postal address or quartering area address for a service child
- g) **Waiting List** - In addition to their right of appeal, unsuccessful children will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. This waiting list will be maintained in order of the oversubscription criteria set out above and noting the order in which applications are received or added to the list. Waiting lists for admission to Year 7 will operate until 31st December 2026. Under the co-ordinate scheme the LA maintains the list and advise the Academy of any places that need to be allocated.
- h) **Admission of children outside their normal age group** - A request may be made for a child to be admitted outside their normal age group, for example if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. Any such request should be made in writing to: Local Authority admissions team at the same time as the admission application is made. The Academy Trust will make its decision about the request based on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child
- i) **Sixth Form** - The admissions policy and arrangements for the sixth form admissions are the responsibility of the Academy Trust. **The published admission number for the 6th Form for admission in September 2026 is 25** The Admission number refers only to applicants who have not previously attended the school. All students who have attended the school until the end of Year 11 are automatically admitted providing they meet the minimum entry requirements. Parents who wish their child to attend the sixth form at the end of Year 11 should contact Brinsworth Academy directly for information and advice. Advice is available on the Sixth Form section of the Brinsworth Academy website.

3.0 Allocation of School Places and Notification to Parents

The Academy is part of the co-ordinated scheme and all offers of a school place will be made by the Rotherham Local Education Authority. In March prior to the September start parents/carers will receive a letter offering a place at the catchment area school or other school if you have indicated a parental preference and there is a place available. Brinsworth Academy will contact parents/carers and explain arrangements for enrolment. If parents/carers are not satisfied with the place offered, the letter sets out the appeal process.

4.0 In - Year Transfers

You should read the following information before submitting a request for a transfer of School/Academy.

a) What is an in-year application?

An in-year application is for children requiring a school place during the academic year rather than at the usual transfer time to school.

You are advised to contact your child's current Head Teacher to discuss your intention to apply for another School/Academy place before applying for a school transfer.

Please do not apply direct to Brinsworth Academy. Forms and on-line application is available via the LA admissions website. Completed application forms should be returned to the Rotherham School Admissions Team who will forward it to Brinsworth Academy.

If there is more than one child on your application form each child will be considered on an individual basis. If a child is offered a place in a school, it does not guarantee a place at that school for any other child in the family.

If you are not moving to a new house but wish your child to transfer school, please complete the in-year school transfer form. We may contact your child's current school on receipt of your application for up-to date information on your child's academic record, attendance and any special needs they may have to assist with the transfer.

Until the transfer arrangements have been approved it is expected that your child will continue to attend their present school.

b) Consideration of in-year transfers

Admissions will normally be agreed up to the published admission number (PAN) which applied for the normal year (Year 7) of intake or the current admission number (CAN). The current admission number is the maximum number of pupils we can accommodate in each year group based on the class organisation and size within the school for each academic year.

c) Admission Numbers

The published admission number for admission into Year 7 in September 2026 is 270. The current admission number, for in-year admissions in 2024-2025 for the older year groups is:

Year 8 - 245, Year 9 - 245, Year 10 - 245, Year 11 – 245

Parents may wish to contact the Academy, before submitting an application, to check on the availability of places.

Note - The Admissions Code 2021 allows, under Section 3.10, an admission authority to refuse admission for a pupil with challenging behaviour and to refer the child to the Local Authority Fair Access Panel. This provision can only be used where the school has a high proportion of either other children with challenging behaviour or previously excluded pupils and it considers admitting the pupil would prejudice the provision of efficient education or efficient use of resources.

d) Applying for a place in year 10 or year 11

Performance and level of achievement/attainment are adversely affected each time a child experiences a transfer to a new school. Avoidable and unnecessary changes should be carefully considered and parents need to be aware of the consequence of moving schools in key groups such as year 10 and year 11.

It may be difficult to offer courses compatible with your previous school. However, schools/academies are not able to refuse to admit children because they followed a different curriculum at their previous school.

e) Application Forms

You can submit your application by completing an in-year school transfer form. Forms are available from the Rotherham School Admissions team. Alternatively, applications can be made on-line or via telephone direct to the **Rotherham School Admissions Team** 01709 823777 (or see website information below). Or contact Rotherham Contact Centre on 01709 382121.

f) Moving to a new address

If you are moving, please apply in advance of your move to reduce the risk of your child being out of school while your application is processed. You will need to provide details of your new address and when you intend to move. You will be asked for proof of your new address.

g) Timescales

The Rotherham School Admissions Team will record all in-year transfer applications and will forward your application via secure email to your preferred school for consideration.

We aim to respond within 10 school days to your request to transfer school. **We are however, required to respond to all in-year transfer requests within a maximum of 15 school days from date of receipt of the application.**

Parents will receive a letter in writing confirm the outcome of their application. Where it is not possible to offer a school/academy place parents will be informed of their 'Right of Appeal' and advised how to make an appeal. The Rotherham Local Authority has established an independent Appeals Panel to hear such appeals. **If you wish to appeal you must do so within 20 school days of receipt of your refusal letter.** Appeal forms and guidance notes are available from the Rotherham School Admissions Team

It is not possible to process any applications during school holidays and your application will be considered as soon as the Academy re-opens.

You can apply up to one term in advance of the date when you would like your child to start at the preferred school. Parents seeking a transfer of school in the following September can apply from the 1st May onwards. Any application for admission in the following September which is received prior to this date will be put on hold and considered as having been received on 1st May.

5.0 Useful links

The Rotherham Authority's in-year transfer webpage can be found at www.rotherham.gov.uk/education (Request a school transfer).

Appendix 1 - Brinsworth Academy Catchment Area Streets

Alma Row	California Drive	Grange Lane
Alric Drive	Campbell Walk	Green Lane
Ambleside Close	Carr Close	Greenfinch Close
Anson Grove	Cawdron Rise	Gresham Avenue
Armistead Avenue	Century View	Greystones Road
Atlas Court	Chaff Close	Guilthwaite Crescent
Atlas Street	Chaff Lane	Guilthwaite Hill
Aubretia Avenue	Chaffinch Avenue	Hackness Lane
Augustus Road	Chalfont Court	Hadrian Road
Balk Lane	Challiner Mews	Hall Close Avenue
Bank House Farm	Chapel Hill	Harmony Way
Bank View	Chapel Walk	High Hazel Crescent
Banks Way	Chatsworth Rise	High Street
Barden Crescent	Cherry Tree Close	High Low View
Barfield Avenue	Chiltern Rise	Highfield View
Bartholomew Close	Church Hill	Hill Side
Bawtry Road,	Church Lane	Hill Top Close
Brinsworth	Common Lane	Hind Road (2, 4, & 6)
(even 2-18, odd 21-187)	Constantine Avenue	Hollow Gate
plus:	Cotswold Crescent	Homestead Drive
The Atlas PH	Cottam Close	Howarth Drive
The Fairways PH	Cow Rakes Close	Howarth Gardens
Dawn Lands	Cow Rakes Lane	Howarth Road
Highfields	Croft Road	Howlett Close
Linden Lodge	Crownhill Road	Howlett Drive
Malvern House	Derwent Crescent	Hunger Hill Lane
Windy Ridge	Dewhill Avenue	Hunger Hill Road
Birchall Avenue	Dickens Close	Icknield Way
Blackbird Avenue	Doles Lane	Jubilee Cottages (off
Blackmoor Crescent	Duncan Street	Bawtry Road
Blue Mans Crescent	Edmund Avenue	Keswick Crescent
Blue Mans Way	Ellen Tree Close	Kirkstall Close
Blyth Close	Ellis Street	Kynance Crescent
Bonet Lane	Fairbank View	Lark Avenue
Boundary Walk	Fairburn Gardens	Lathe Road even no.s
Briary Close	Farm Close	only (odd no.s to
Brinsford Road	Fearnleigh Drive	Oakwood)
Brinsworth Brook	Fenney Way	Letard Drive
Brinsworth Grange	Field View	Litchfield Way
Brinsworth Hall Avenue	Field View Court	Little Common Lane
Brinsworth Hall	*Flat Lane (except 1-11	Lodge Way
Crescent	Oakwood)	Long Lane
Brinsworth Hall Drive	Fortway Road	Lyncroft Close
Brinsworth Hall Grove	Frederick Street	Main Street
Brinsworth Lane	Fullerton Drive	Manor Crescent
Brinsworth Road	Furnival Way	Manor Drive
Broadway	Georgian Mews	Manor Road
Brook Street	Godric Drive	Mappins Place
Brownlee Close	Godric Green	Mappins Road
Buckingham Way	Gotham Road	Meadowcroft Close
Bullfinch Close	Graham Avenue	Melrose Cottages
Burnsall Crescent	Grange Farm Close	Mendip Rise

Middlefields Drive	Rotherham Road	Upper Whiston Close
Mill Dyke Close	Royds Avenue	Upper Whiston Farm
Mill Hill	Royds Moor Hill	Upper Whiston Lane
Millerdale Drive	(Whiston)	Venus Court
Moorhouse Close	Rye Bank	Vicarage Court
Moorhouse Lane	*Sandringham Avenue	Victoria Street
Moorlands Crescent	(except 2-16, 74-90	Waverley View
Morthen Lane	Oakwood)	Well Lane
Nelson Close	Saville Road	Wensleydale Drive
New Brinsworth Road	Scammadine Close	Westby Crescent
New Street	School Hill	Whiston Green
Nickleby Court	Sebastian View	Whiston Brook View
Norbrook Way	Sheffield Lane	Whiston Vale
Normanville Avenue	*Shrogs Wood Road	Whitecroft Crescent
Nunnery Crescent	(except 1,2,4 –	Whitehill Avenue
Nursery Bungalow	Oakwood)	Whitehill Drive
Nursery Drive	Sidings Court	Whitehill Lane
Nursery Farm	Sitwell View	Whitehill Road
Octavia Close	Snowden Way	Whitehill Willow
Old School Lane	Sorrelsykes Close	Willan Drive
Olivers Way	South View Terrace	Willow Close
Orchard Close	Spencer Court	Willowgarth Avenue
Orchard Way	Spencer Green	Winchester Way
Orgreave Road	Spring Close	Wood Lane
Park Avenue	Spring Croft	Woodland Close
Pavilion Lane	Spring Green	Worrygoose Lane
Peartree Place	St Andrew's Walk	(except 1A, 1-7 odd
Pear Tree Close	St David's Drive	2&4 (Oakwood))
Phoenix Grove	St George's Drive	
Pickwick Drive	St Mary's Drive	
Pike Road	St Peter's Close	
Pleasley Road	Station Road	
Poplar Drive	Stringers Croft	
Poplar Way	Sunnybank Crescent	
Primrose Avenue	The Croft	
Pringle Road	The Green	
Quarry Close	The Pieces North	
Railway Avenue	The Pieces South	
Railway Cottages	The Sidings (Whitehill	
Rectory Drive	Lane)	
Reresby Crescent	Thorndale Rise	
Reresby Drive	Thornhill Avenue	
*Reresby Road (except	Thrush Avenue	
6-36, 52-80, 90-106, -	Tiber View	
Oakwood)	Tor Way	
Rhodes Drive	Treeton Lane (pt.	
Ridgeway Road	Treeton)	
Roehampton Rise	Treeton Way	
Roman Crescent	Trentham Close	
Rose Close	Tristford Close	
Rothbury Way	Turner Lane	
Rotherham Gateway	Upper Rye Close	

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