



Determined Admission Arrangements for The Robert Napier School (part of the Fort Pitt Thomas Aveling Academies) for September 2021

Arrangements:

Following a determination by the Office of the Schools Adjudicator, The Robert Napier School has adopted the following arrangements with respect to the admission of students to the school for the academic year 2021-2022:

Into Year 7 at age 11
Into Years 8-11 if there is a vacant place
Into Year 12 at age 16

Procedure for admission into Year 7

Medway resident parents/carers can apply for their child's school place either online at www.medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions or using a paper application form (SCAF), which can be collected from Medway Council's office at Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, ME4 4TR. **The Council can only accept one application for each child. Only one of the above methods can be used, not both.**

A Digital Information Guide (composite prospectus) of all Medway secondary schools and academies along with details how the admissions process works is readily available on the Medway Council website to read/download/print and hardcopies of which will be available upon request for collection from Medway Council's Office at Gun Wharf (see above address).

The age of admission is 11 years. The planned admission number (PAN) for The Robert Napier School for the academic year commencing September 2021 will be 180. Offers of places will be posted to parents/carers by the Local Authority, on behalf of the Trustees. Places will be offered first to children with Educational Health and Care Plans (EHCP) in which The Robert Napier School is named.

Oversubscription Criteria

If the number of applications for admission to the school received via the Medway Coordinated Admission Scheme is greater than the published admission number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below.

a) Looked After Children/ Previously Looked After Children.¹

¹ *As defined in the School Admissions Code paragraph 1.7 and the Medway Co-ordinated Scheme for Secondary Admission Academic Year 2021/2022:-*

School Admissions Code

1.7 All schools **must** have oversubscription criteria for each 'relevant age group' and the highest priority **must** be given, unless otherwise provided in this Code, to looked after children¹⁶ and all previously looked after children. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted¹⁷ (or became subject to a child arrangements order¹⁸ or special guardianship order¹⁹). Further references to previously looked after children in this Code means such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after. Oversubscription criteria **must** then be applied to all other applicants in the order set out in the arrangements.

Medway Co-ordinated Scheme for Secondary Admissions Academic Year 2021/22: -

Looked after children/Previously looked after children:

Looked after children are children who are (i) in the care of a local authority, or (ii) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (as defined in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making the application for a school.

Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (under the terms of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, Section 46) or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order (under the terms of the Children Act 1989, Section 8 and Section 14A).

Please note that the Council will require a copy of the adoption/residence order to validate this criterion and evidence that the child was previously looked after.

- b) Current Family Association, i.e. an older sibling² who is on the roll of the school when the application is made, living in the same household, and who must still be attending at the point of entry**

² *'Sibling'* means children who live as brother/sister in the same house and includes natural siblings, adopted siblings, foster siblings and step siblings. (Extended family, for example cousins, living in the same house do not qualify as siblings).

- c) Nearness of children's homes³**

³ *The Governors of The Robert Napier School have adopted Medway Council's criteria for measuring the nearness of children's homes to the school when allocating places. Distance* will be measured by the shortest available safe walking route between home and school, as measured by Medway Council's Geographical Information System and as defined in the Medway Co-ordinated Admission Scheme.*

Tiebreaker – In the unlikely event that two or more children in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the school, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place.

Procedure for Admissions into Years 8-11, and Year 7 after the normal September admissions round:

All applications for admissions for pupils in Years 8-11, and for Year 7 received after the normal September admissions round, must be made direct to the school.

Parents will be informed of their right to appeal against the refusal of a place. The Local Authority will, on request, provide parents with information about places available in all schools within its area.

All applications will be considered, and decisions made, by the Admissions Authority of The Robert Napier School. A vacancy will be deemed to have arisen if the number of children on roll in the Year Group is less than the published admission number (PAN) for that year. Any additional children admitted will be at the discretion of the Headteacher.

Oversubscription Criteria for Year 8 and Above

- 1) Looked after children/Previously looked after children.
(As defined in the School Admissions Code paragraph 1.7 and the Medway Co-ordinated Admission Scheme)
- 2) Those with siblings on roll at the time of application, living in the same household.
(‘sibling’ means children who live as brother/sister in the same house and includes natural siblings, adopted siblings, foster siblings and step siblings. Extended family, for example cousins living in the same house do not qualify as siblings).
- 3) Nearness to The Robert Napier School. Nearness is the shortest available walking route along which a child, accompanied as necessary, can walk with reasonable safety to the school’s main reception. It is measured using Medway Council’s Geographical Information System.

Procedure for Admissions into Year 12

In addition to students applying for Sixth Form places from Year 11, up to 50 external students may be admitted for the first time in Year 12 up to the Planned Admission Number, providing the following criteria is met:-

- Advanced Level Courses: The minimum entry requirements of 5 subjects, grade 4 (or the equivalent) are met. Offers of places will remain conditional until actual results are verified. Course entry requirements for specific advanced courses are published in the Sixth Form Prospectus.
Note: Looked after children and previously looked after children have priority for admission to the Sixth Form.

Oversubscription Criteria

The oversubscription criteria for students in Year 8 and above will also be applied for Year 12 students. Where there is a tie break situation (e.g. Students living the same distance* away from the school), the place will be offered by random selection, conducted by an independent authority.

Admissions are subject to a vacancy existing on the course for which the student is applying.

Waiting Lists:

Waiting lists will be held for Years 7-13 and the published over-subscription criteria applied. Each added child will require the list to be ranked again in line with the published oversubscription criteria. In respect of Rising Year 7, as set out in the Medway Co-ordinated Admission Scheme, the Local Authority will be responsible for holding a waiting list for parents who request their child’s name to be added. This waiting list will operate until 31 December 2021 and will be ranked in the same order as the published over-subscription criteria.

Appeals:

If you are not offered a place at our school, you have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel. Appeal papers will be forwarded on request to all those parents who named The Robert Napier School on their preference list but were unsuccessful in gaining a place. Please ensure that those are returned to the Clerk to the Appeal Panel at the school. The closing date on the appeal application form must be adhered to.

Late Applications:

Will be handled as detailed in the Medway Co-ordinated Admission Scheme.

Definitions and notes

Distance* - All distances and routes calculated are the purposes of prioritising the application for admissions only and there is no expectation that a child should use this to walk to school.

Distances and routes calculated will represent the shortest route to school from the child's home address using roads and paths that are known to the graphical information software (GIS) utilised by School Admissions and Transport.

The start point:

- The centre point of the nearest road or footpath known to the GIS system to the seed point of the child's home (as defined by Ordnance Survey).
- This may not always be the postal address road, in circumstances where an alternative road or footpath is actually nearer to the seed point of the property.

The end point:

- This will be either a pre-defined point within the school site or the centre point of the road adjacent the school site.
- The same end point is used for all distance calculations to the school concerned.

Routes/Footpaths:

- The distance calculated is the shortest available route known to the Medway GIS (using the centre point of the streets and other available routes).
- Not all footpaths, cut-throughs, shortcuts and new roads are known to the GIS system. Where a route is not known to the GIS system an alternative route will be used.
- Where a child's home is situated on a new road the distance calculation will begin from the nearest available known road plotted in the GIS. New property developments may be subject to this.