



DAYSPRING TRUST – NOW NORTHERN LIGHTS LEARNING TRUST

Ian Ramsey CE Academy Admissions Appeals Policy and Appeals Timeline for entry in 2024 - 2025

Northern Lights Learning Trust (NLLT) have adopted all policies pertaining to Dayspring Trust – Ian Ramsey CE Academy and Venerable Bede CE Academy – from 1 February 2023 and will be reviewed in due course.

Ratified by: Board of Directors
Date of review: Autumn Term 2022
Date of next review: Autumn Term 2023

The Dayspring Trust aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian faith and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils. We believe that our Christian values spring from the two great commandments, 'Love God and love your neighbour'. We seek to live this out through the power of the Holy Spirit. St Paul reminds us in Galatians 5.22-23 that the fruit of the Spirit is "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control". These are also underpinned by the Old Testament injunction to "Do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God" Micah 6.8. These values rooted in the Christian Faith come as a package and we aim to embed them in the life of our academies in a worked out way. We recognise that at times we may highlight particular values to bring them into greater prominence within our academies and these are currently the five values of Forgiveness, Hope, Joy, Perseverance and Wisdom. We believe these values to be in accordance with British values springing from our Judeo-Christian roots. Collective worship will play a major and vital part in assisting with this process of embedding these values in the life our academies.

The Multi Academy Trust Members and Directors are aware of their responsibilities in law and are committed to the provision of an excellent education within its academies in accordance with our Anglican foundation. This is embraced in our Dayspring Trust vision statement:

- **Forge a supportive and challenging family of academies**
- **Provide excellent education within a strong Christian community**
- **Resource our pupils for wise and generous living**

In addition, each academy also has its own distinctive mission statement, flowing out from the vision statement of the Dayspring Trust.

At Ian Ramsey CE Academy:

"Together to learn, to grow, to serve."

This is embodied in scripture:

'Each of you should use whatever gifts you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.' 1. Peter 4.10

At Ian Ramsey CE Academy:

"Soar to the heights together"

This is embodied in scripture:

'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.' Isaiah 40:31

This policy has been developed to take into consideration our ethos as well as local and national policy and guidance.

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ADMISSION TO SCHOOLS IN 2024/2025

APPEAL PROCEDURE

You have the right to say which school you would prefer your child to go to, but this does not mean that you have the right for your child to be admitted to that school.

Admission appeal options

There are several options that you can take if you have been refused a place at your preferred school(s).

- You may want to do nothing and accept a place at an alternative school.
- Submit a **School Admission Appeal form** for each school you wish to appeal for and tell an Independent Appeal Panel about your circumstances as to why you need a place at your preferred school. To request an Appeal, form please ring 01642 526605, or email **school.admissions@stockton.gov.uk**. Please note, you will need to save this form to your PC before completing it electronically.
- Seek independent advice or help to assist with your admission appeal. Contact the Advisory Centre for Education (ACE) on telephone: 0300 0115 142 or **visit the ACE Education website**.

Please note: all appellants will receive at least ten school days' notice of the date of their appeal hearing. Following the appeal, initial decision letters will be sent within five school days of the hearing, wherever possible. Parents will be notified at the appeal hearing if there is likely to be any delay in the posting out of decision letters.

Main round admission appeals for Secondary School (Year 7 in September 2024)

- Completed appeal forms for each school must be returned to the Appeals Administrator within the Corporate Administration Service **within 28 days** from the date on the letter you received to refuse your child a school place.
- Appeals will be heard during May/June 2024.
- Initial decision letters will be sent to parents and carers immediately after each school's appeals have been heard. The appeal panel clerk will notify parents and carers at the appeal hearing of the timescale for full decision letters.

Please visit <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/school-admissions>

Admissions Timeline

See Local Authority website for further details: <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/school-admissions>

September 2023	Preference period begins online applications become live. CAFs and other information sent to parents.
October 2023	Preference period ends – preferences received after this date will be considered after those received on time.
March 2024	Or next working day parents/carers receive a letter via 2 nd class post offering places and reasons for refusal and the right to appeal.
May 2024 – June 2024	Appeals held – parents/carers will be notified of the outcome within 5 working days of the hearing.