

New School Admissions Code, September 2021

All schools and academies are required to amend their admission arrangements for the academic year 2021/22 and 2022/23 to meet the requirements of the new [School Admissions Code](#) applicable from 1 September 2021.

This briefing note outlines the main changes that HCC and own admitting authority schools **must** make to their admission arrangements.

Children Previously Looked After from outside England

All schools and academies **must** give the highest priority to looked after children, and all previously looked after children, **including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.**

Children of Staff

If priority is given to children of staff, schools and academies **must** specify/clarify how this priority will be applied, for example which groups of staff/children it will apply to.

Children of UK service personnel and crown servants

All schools and academies **must** use:

- the address at which the child will live when applying their oversubscription criteria, as long as the parent/carer provides some evidence of their intended address.
- a Unit or quartering address as the child's home address when considering the application where a parent/carer requests this.

In Year Admissions

For the 2021/22 academic year, all schools and academies **must** publish information on their websites, by 31 October 2021, to explain how In Year applications can be made and how they will be dealt with.

In all subsequent years, all schools and academies **must** publish this information by 31 August at the latest to explain how In Year admissions will be dealt with from 1 September.

Amended admission arrangements will be republished on school websites and on HCC's school directory in due course.