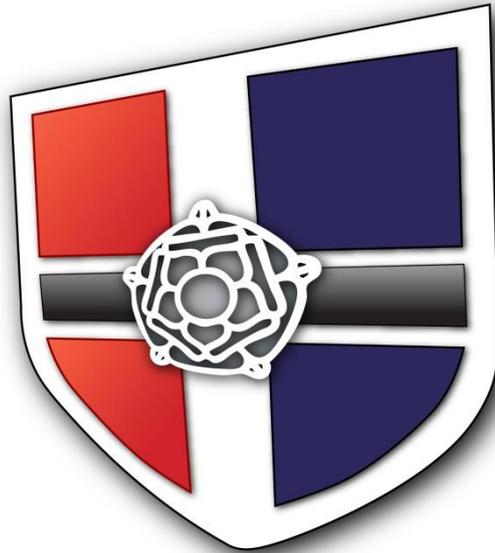


Sponne School



Admissions Policy 2020-21



For Admissions in to Sponne School for the Academic Year 2020-2021

Sponne School is a converter Academy. The school's published admission number (PAN) in September 2020 for Years 7 to 11 is 232 students. The school was oversubscribed for September 2018.

As an Academy within a Multi Academy Trust, the Tove Learning Trust control admissions to Sponne School. All students whose **Education, Health and Care** (EHC) plan names the school as appropriate provision will be admitted. If the school becomes oversubscribed then the following criteria are used to determine the allocation of places:

Oversubscription Criterion 1: Children in **public care** (looked after children) and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements order, or special guardianship order.¹

Oversubscription Criterion 2: Children who appear (to the admission authority of the school) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.²

Oversubscription Criterion 3: Children of **current staff** working at the school where the member of staff has been employed at the school for at least two years at the time at which the application for admission is made and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable shortage.

Oversubscription Criterion 4: Students who will have an **older brother or sister** continuing at Sponne School during the year of application of the younger child and who live at the same address.*

Oversubscription Criterion 5: Students who **live in the linked area** associated with the school i.e Abthorpe, Adstone, Blakesley, Bradden, Caldecote, Easton Neston, Farthingstone, Foxley, Greens Norton, Litchborough, Maidford, Silverstone, Slapton, Tiffield, Towcester, Wappenham, Whittlebury, Wood Burcote and Woodend.

Oversubscription Criterion 6: Students **attending the designated contributory primary schools** (i.e. Blakesley, Greens Norton, Nicholas Hawksmoor, Silverstone, Tiffield, Towcester CE, Whittlebury) and continuing in attendance until the final offer of places is made.

Oversubscription Criterion 7: Other students will be allocated any further places that remain once the other criteria have been satisfied up to the published admission number using a distance tiebreaker. Distances will be measured in a straight line from the door of the students home address to the main school gate using postcodes and house numbers. A geographical information system via Ordnance Survey is used to establish the straight line distance and priority is given to those who live closest to the school.

¹ A looked after child is a child who is in the care of a local authority in England, or is being provided with accommodation by a local authority in England in the exercise of their social services functions.

² A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

* **Tiebreaker**

If the admission number is exceeded within criterion 4 priority will be given to those who live furthest from the nearest alternative school. If the admission number is exceeded within any other criterion priority will be given to those who live closest to the school.



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Distances will be measured in a straight line from door to school gate using postcodes and house numbers. The school uses a GIS via OS to establish the straight line distance from the House where the student lives to the front gate of the school when applying the distance tiebreaker criterion.

Children from service personnel or crown servant families will be allocated a place according to the oversubscription criteria in advance of the family arriving in the area providing their application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date and a postal address.

Appeals

The Governors have an appeals procedure for parents who wish to object about the allocation of a secondary school place for their child. Full details relating to transfer between mainstream schools are contained in the booklet 'Schools in Northamptonshire, 2020 - 2021, A Guide for Parents'. A copy may be obtained direct from Northamptonshire County Council or can be viewed on their website www.northamptonshire.gov.uk.

Sixth Form

Entry to the Sixth Form is by application and subject to meeting minimum academic qualifications relevant to particular courses, as outlined in the Sixth Form courses booklet, available from the school and online. Admission arrangements for external students are outlined in Appendix 1.

Arrangements for the admission of students with disabilities

Reasonable steps are taken to prevent disabled students being treated less favourably than other students, in terms of both curriculum and timetabling.

Existing facilities to assist access to the school by students with disabilities are limited by the layout of the buildings; however, the needs of any student requiring an accessibility plan for supported access to the school will be assessed on an individual basis.

For further guidance please refer to the **School Admissions Code**, December 2014, from the Department for Education.

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Sixth Form Admission Arrangements for External Applicants Sept 2020

Sponne School Sixth Form	
Admission Numbers	All internal Year 11 students, with a PAN of 50 External Students, who meet the minimum entrance requirements
Entry Requirement	<p>The minimum entrance requirements for A level programmes is 6 GCSE grades 4 or above including at least one grade 6 and including Maths and/or English.</p> <p>In addition to this, minimum entry requirements for each subject need to be met as published on an annual basis by the school.</p>
Oversubscription Criteria	<p>Places will be offered to students in each category under the following criteria until all places are full:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i). Children in public care (looked after children), or previously in public care but immediately after being looked after, became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. To include children who have been in public care outside of England.(ii). Children of current staff working at Sponne School at the time of application and/or in the September of the year the student will be in Year 12 or 13.(iii). Students who live in the linked area associated with the school: Abthorpe, Adstone, Blakesley, Bradden, Caldecote, Easton Neston, Farthingstone, Foxley, Greens Norton, Litchborough, Maidford, Silverstone, Slapton, Tiffield, Towcester, Wappenham, Whittlebury, Wood Burcote, Woodend.(iv). Students who will have a brother or sister continuing at Sponne School at the time of admission.(v). Other students.
Other Information	<p>Distance Tiebreaker If the admission number is exceeded within criterion (ii) priority will be given to those who live furthest from the nearest alternative school. If the admission number is exceeded within any other criterion priority will be given to those who live closest to the school.</p> <p>Appeals There is an appeals procedure for applicants who are not successful. An appeals form can be requested from the Headteacher's PA Mrs K Fell via email, kfell@sponne.org.uk or by telephone, 01327 350284.</p>