

Kendrick School



Admission to Year 7 in September 2026 National Offer Day - Frequently Asked Questions

Q1	My child has been offered a place - when will I hear from Kendrick School?
A	<p>An offer of a place at Kendrick School will come from your own Local Authority.</p> <p>If your child has been offered a place at Kendrick School you will receive an email from us outlining the next steps during the week of 9th March 2026. If you do not receive this email, please check your spam/junk folders before contacting admissions@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.</p>
Q2	Can I visit Kendrick School before making a decision on accepting or declining the offer?
A	<p>Unless there are exceptional reasons, unfortunately we are unable to offer individual tours of the school. Our Open Events for entry into Year 7 in September 2026 took place in April 2025. If your child has a special educational need and/or disability (SEND) requirement you would like to discuss with us, please email admissions@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.</p>
Q3	How will I know if my child is on the waiting list and what her position is?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If your child's score is 99.00 or above she will be on our waiting list unless you have been offered a place at your higher preference school or you did not put Kendrick School on your Common Application Form (CAF).• The waiting list consists of the ranked order of candidates (adjusted for those living within the designated area) with scores of 99.00 and above who have not been offered a place at Kendrick School. This means that applicants who are in Priority Area 1 are ranked higher than candidates in Priority Area 2, regardless of the admission test result.• As at 2nd March 2026, there are 179 candidates on the waiting list ranked as per the over subscription criteria.• Please note that waiting list places can go down as well as up due to change of preference, and the application of the oversubscription criteria.• For September 2025 entry the waiting list moved by 7 places before 1st September 2025.• If your child is on the waiting list, you will receive an email from us giving her position at 2nd March 2026, no later than Tuesday 10th March. If you do not receive this email by that time, please check your spam/junk folders before emailing admissions@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.• Please do not contact the school before Tuesday 10th March or before reading these FAQs.
Q4	What is the oversubscription criteria for entry into Year 7 in September 2026?
A	<p>All applicants will be ranked according to their performance in the tests. Oversubscription criteria will be applied if there are more applicants than the 128 places available. To read the admission policy for entry into Year 7 in September 2026 in full please click here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Qualifying score for candidates in categories 1 and 2 of the oversubscription criteria below (Pupil Premium/Service Premium/Child in Care) is 94.00• Qualifying score for candidates in categories 3-6 of the oversubscription criteria below is 99.00 <p>Offers will be made from the ranked list in the following order and within each category:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The applicant is a looked after child or previously looked after child²2. The applicant is in receipt of Pupil Premium or Service Premium on 31st August 2025. The applicant's permanent home address must also be within Priority Area 1 or 2 of the designated area of the school on 31st August 2025 and they should still be living there at the time of admission to the school. Documentary evidence, or confirmation from the applicant's current primary school that the child is in receipt of Pupil Premium or Service Premium will be required.

	<p>Offers will then be made from the ranked list, according to the ranked order until up to 75% (96) of places have been offered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The permanent home address of the applicant is within Priority Area 1 or 2 of the designated area of the school and is the permanent home address of the parent(s)/carer(s) and the applicant on 31st August 2025 and they should still be living there at the time of admission to the school. <p>The remaining 25% (32) places will be offered in the following order, according to the ranked order until all places in total have been offered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The permanent home address of the applicant is within Priority Area 1 of the designated area and this home address is the permanent home address of the parent(s)/carer(s) and the applicant on 31st August 2025 and they should still be living there at the time of admission to the school. 5. The permanent home address of the applicant is within the Priority Area 2 of the designated area and this home address is the address of the parent(s)/carer(s) and the applicant on 31st August 2025 and they should still be living there at the time of admission to the school. 6. Applicants whose permanent home address is NOT in the designated area of the school. <p>The waiting list will be created using this ranked list. Therefore, candidates in Priority Area 1 who have scored 99.00 or above and have not been offered a place will be ranked higher on the waiting list than candidates who are in Priority Area 2 regardless of score.</p>
Q5	My child scored 99.00 or above but has not been offered a place. Why?
A	This is because the 128 places have been offered to the highest scoring candidates and ranked according to our oversubscription criteria. Your child may have been placed on our waiting list (please see the question 3 above).
Q6	My child scored over 99.00 and has not been offered a place or been placed on your waiting list. Why?
A	This is likely to be because your Local Authority has been able to offer you a place at the school that you indicated as a higher preference.
Q7	Can I change my preference and put Kendrick first?
A	Please contact your own Local Authority.
Q8	Can my child's position on the waiting list change?
A	Your child's position on the waiting list may go up or down due to change of preference, offers and/or withdrawals.
Q9	Can papers be remarked?
A	Marking is carried out by GL Assessment using tested and trialled software which has been proved to be more accurate than human double marking. Any multi-marks or edge marks on the answer sheet which are not clear are checked by an operator. Therefore the option of having answer sheets remarked is not available. This is a decision made by GL Assessment.
Q10	I think that someone has applied using an inaccurate address. What should I do?
A	<p>Please see the information on our website regarding temporary addresses and multiple properties. Kendrick School carry out thorough checks to ensure that places are allocated correctly. This includes owning a property in Priority Area 2 or out of designated area and renting a property in Priority Area 1, for example. We take address fraud very seriously and any application that is found to be inaccurate or misleading will be withdrawn.</p> <p>If you have knowledge that someone has applied to the school using an address that is not their current permanent home address, then please email admissions@kendrick.reading.sch.uk. All information is treated in the strictest confidence and very sensitively.</p>

Q11	Can I appeal against the school my child has been offered?
A	<p>If your child is not offered a place at the school of your choice, you have a right to appeal against this decision to an Independent Appeal Panel. Please do not send your appeal to Kendrick School as the Local Authority coordinates this on our behalf.</p> <p>The deadline for submitting secondary appeals for the main Year 7 admission round is: Monday 30th March 2026.</p> <p>The web page parents should go to for submitting their appeal online and for information on the appeals process is: https://www.reading.gov.uk/children-and-education/schools/schoolappeals/</p>
Q12	I would like to make a Freedom of Information request for an anonymised copy of the standardised results
A	<p>This information will be published on the school's website in July 2026. We are not obliged under section 22 of the FOIA to provide information that is intended for future publication. In line with the terms of this exemption, we have considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the information ahead of publication, despite the exemption being applicable. In this case, we have concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information.</p>