

KEY NOTES – ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2020/2021		
 	School Name	UTC Plymouth
	Admission Authority	Reach South Academy Trust – Multi Academy Trust The admissions function has been delegated to the Local Governing Board of UTC Plymouth
	School Status	Academy – Part of the Reach South Academy Trust
	Supplementary Information Form	Yes (i) service premium (ii) parents who are members of staff only
	Application forms available online	www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions

	Normal Point of entry Y7	Normal Point of entry Y9	Normal Point of entry Y12	In-Year Admission
Age range for application	1 September 2008 - 31 August 2009	1 September 2006 – 31 August 2007	1 September 2003 – 31 August 2004	Any Admission other than the normal point of entry in years 7, 9 and 12
Application Period	Tuesday 3 September 2019 – Thursday 31 October 2019	Tuesday 3 September 2019 – Thursday 31 October 2019	By end of January 2020	From September 2020
Offer Date	Monday 2 March 2020	Monday 2 March 2020	April 2020	Within 20 School Days of application receipt
Published admission number	120	150	150	Unless otherwise agreed, the published admission number at the point of entry applies as it moves through the school

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- (ii) Staff supplementary information form

The Trust Board for Reach South Academy Trust is the admission authority for UTC Plymouth. The admission authority will comply with provisions within the School Admissions Code and the School Appeals Code available at www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-code--2

The admission arrangements outlined within this document apply to UTC Plymouth, in the 2020/2021 academic year. This policy should be read in conjunction with the Secondary and In-Year Coordinated schemes of admission available at www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

SECTION I

Year 7 admissions (normal point of entry Year 7).

The admission arrangements outlined within this section apply to children starting in Year 7 for the first time in 2020/2021. The published admission number (PAN) for this year group is 120. The closing date for applications is 31 October 2019. Allocation results will be notified on 2 March 2020. The school follows Plymouth City Council's coordinated secondary admissions scheme available at www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions. All applicants must:

- (i) Complete the Common Application Form available from, and returnable to their home local authority;
- (ii) In addition, applicants applying under criteria 4 below must complete the service premium supplementary information form and return it direct to the School Admissions Team, Plymouth City Council.
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Oversubscription criteria for UTC Plymouth for secondary normal point of entry at Year 7.

A child with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) which names the school will be admitted.

Where there are fewer applicants than the PAN, all children will be admitted unless they can be offered a higher ranked preference. In the event that the School is oversubscribed, the admission authority will apply the following oversubscription criteria in order of priority:

I. Looked after children and all previously looked after children.

A 'looked after child' is a child who is

- (a) in the care of a local authority, or
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2. Children with exceptional medical or social grounds. This category includes:

- 2.1 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. 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.
- 2.2 Other children with exceptional medical or social grounds for needing a place at a particular school. Applicants will only be considered under this heading if the parent/carer or their representative can demonstrate that only the preferred school can meet the exceptional medical or social needs of the child. This can be in the form of a testimony from a medical practitioner, social worker or other professional who can support the application on an 'exceptional' basis.

Exceptional medical or social grounds could include, for example:

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3. Children with a sibling already attending the school at the time of admission.

Children will be classed as siblings if they live in the same household in a single family unit. This includes for example, full, half, step, or adoptive brothers or sisters;

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Children living with a parent or step parent who is a serving member of the Armed Forces and who is/are eligible for the service premium payment;

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6. Other children remaining places will be allocated as follows:

- a) 30% of places allocated to applicants within Area 1 which will include all postcodes in PL1, PL2, PL3, PL4, PL5 and PL10
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- d) Remaining 10% of places will be allocated to pupils living outside the areas listed in a) to c) above with those living closest to the spatial locator identified by the National Land and Property Gazetteer being admitted. The spatial locator is the address point based on a general internal point. Flats are therefore taken to be the same measurement point regardless of floor of location.

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Fraudulent applications/withdrawal of allocated places:

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- it is established that the offer was obtained through a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application. An example of this would be knowingly using an incorrect home address for a child. In these cases the application would be considered using the information that the local authority believes to be correct, for example using the home address where the local authority considers that the child actually lives.

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Multiple births:

Defined as the birth of more than one child from a single pregnancy. We understand that parents/carers would like to keep twins, triplets and other children of multiple birth together. Where the admission criteria is applied and it is not possible to offer places to all children of the same multiple birth family we would work with the family to find the best solution for them and their children. Should it transpire that it is not possible to offer place(s) to all children within that multiple birth, there will be a random ballot as set out in the School Admissions Code. This will be undertaken by an officer of Plymouth City Council¹ by the operation of an electronic random number generator.

Response:

Parents/carers must respond to an allocation of a school place within two weeks of the date of notification of availability of a school place. Response must be made to Plymouth City Council¹. In the absence of a response, the offer may be revoked and the place may be reallocated to someone else. Parent/carers declining the offer of a place should notify the educational arrangements they plan to provide for their child.

Service premium:

A service child will be eligible to receive the service premium regardless of whether it has been claimed, for instance, in the case of a child moving to the UK from overseas. A 'service child' has parent(s) - or person(s) with parental responsibility - who is / are service personnel serving:

- in regular HM Forces military units
- full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service
- in the armed forces of another nation and stationed in England

Tie-breaker:

Where we have to choose between two or more children in the same category as each other, then the nearer to the school the child lives - as measured by a straight line on the map using Plymouth City Council's electronic mapping system¹ - the higher the priority. Measurement points will be from the spatial locator identified by the National Land and Property Gazetteer. The spatial locator is the address point based on a general internal point. Flats are therefore taken to be the same measurement point regardless of floor of location. If the tie-breaker is not sufficient to distinguish between applicants in a particular category, there will be a random ballot as set out in the School Admissions Code. This will be undertaken by an officer of Plymouth City Council¹ by the operation of an electronic number generator.

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Waiting lists:

If a place cannot be offered at the preferred school, the child's name will automatically be added to the waiting list for any school ranked higher than the school allocated. Those on a waiting list and late applicants will be treated equally and placed on the same list. Waiting lists will be held in the order of the published admission criteria and will be maintained until the end of the summer holidays 2020 in respect of the normal point of entry. Any vacancies that arise will be allocated to the child at the top of the waiting list. From 1 September 2020, the in-year admissions scheme applies and the waiting list procedure will change in that parents/carers will be asked to confirm their wish for their child to remain on a waiting list in order that the list can be kept up to date.

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SECTION 2

KS4 admissions (normal point of entry Year 9).

The admission arrangements outlined within this section apply to children starting in Year 9 for the first time in 2020/2021. The published admission number (PAN) for this year group is 150. The closing date for applications is 31 October 2019. Allocation results will be notified on 2 March 2020. The school follows Plymouth City Council's coordinated secondary admissions scheme available at www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions. All applicants must:

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Oversubscription criteria for UTC Plymouth for secondary normal point of entry at Year 9.

A child with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) which names the school will be admitted.

Where there are fewer applicants than the PAN, all children will be admitted unless they can be offered a higher ranked preference. In the event that the School is oversubscribed, the admission authority will apply the following oversubscription criteria in order of priority:

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child. This can be in the form of a testimony from a medical practitioner, social worker or other professional who can support the application on an 'exceptional' basis.

Exceptional medical or social grounds could include, for example:

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SECTION 3

In-Year admissions (admissions outside the normal point of entry)

The admission arrangements outlined within this section apply to in-year admissions for UTC Plymouth in the 2020/2021 academic year.

An In-Year admission is any entry to school other than at the normal point, for example, transferring school due to a house move or for other personal reason. Requests for admission to Year 9 made after the normal round of admissions – after 31 August 2020 – and requests for places in other year groups should be made direct to Plymouth City Council.

With the exception of a child with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), all applications will be considered under Plymouth City Council's Fair Access Protocol.

Application should be made via Plymouth City Council¹ at www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions. The admission authority follows Plymouth City Council's local coordinated in-year admissions scheme available at www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

All applicants must:

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Oversubscription criteria for UTC Plymouth for secondary in-year admissions

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Response:

Parents/carers must respond to an allocation of a school place within two weeks of the date of notification of availability of a school place. Response must be made to Plymouth City Council¹. In the absence of a response, the offer may be revoked and the place may be reallocated to someone else. Parent/carers declining the offer of a place should notify the educational arrangements they plan to provide for their child.

Service premium:

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- in regular HM Forces military units
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- in the armed forces of another nation and stationed in England

Tie-breaker:

Where we have to choose between two or more children in the same category as each other, then the nearer to the school the child lives - as measured by a straight line on the map using Plymouth City Council's electronic mapping system¹ - the higher the priority. Measurement points will be from the spatial locator identified by the National Land and Property Gazetteer. The spatial locator is the address point based on a general internal

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point. Flats are therefore taken to be the same measurement point regardless of floor of location. If the tie-breaker is not sufficient to distinguish between applicants in a particular category, there will be a random ballot as set out in the School Admissions Code. This will be undertaken by an officer of Plymouth City Council¹ by the operation of an electronic number generator.

Waiting lists:

If a place cannot be offered at the preferred school, the child's name may be added to the waiting list for any school ranked higher than the school allocated. Those on a waiting list and late applicants will be treated equally and placed on the same list. Waiting lists will be held in the order of the published admission criteria. Parents/carers will be asked to renew their wish for their child to remain on the waiting list. Any vacancies that arise will be allocated to the child at the top of the waiting list.

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SECTION 4

Sixth form admissions

The admission arrangements outlined within this document apply to admissions to UTC Plymouth sixth form in the 2020/2021 academic year. The arrangements apply to children transferring from Year 11 in a secondary school to Year 12 in a secondary school.

Where a school operates a sixth form, students are normally accepted from other school bases as long as the school has capacity and the applicant meets the relevant admission criteria. Each school will have a different application timetable and number of places to offer. Applications should be made direct to the school.

The number of students who have applied for each course will need to be taken into account, meaning that extra students can sometimes be accommodated over the admission number if the student's chosen course is not full.

The admission arrangements apply equally to those seeking admission from year 11 within the school to those seeking transfer from other schools. All those seeking admission to Year 12 must achieve the necessary grades for access onto the courses they have chosen.

In addition, applicants applying under oversubscription criteria 4 must complete the service premium supplementary information form and return it direct to the UTC Plymouth.

A child with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) which names the applicant's preferred school will be admitted to that school subject to achieving the necessary grades for access onto the courses they have chosen.

Any student refused the offer of a place in Year 12 has the right of appeal to an independent appeals panel.

Where the number of eligible external applicants for a course of study exceeds the places available then admission will be determined in accordance with the following priority of admission criteria:

1. Looked after children and all previously looked after children.

A 'looked after child' is a child who is

- (a) in the care of a local authority, or
- (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order);

2. Children with exceptional medical or social grounds. This category includes:

- 2.1 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. 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.

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2.2 Other children with exceptional medical or social grounds for needing a place at a particular school. Applicants will only be considered under this heading if the parent/carer or their representative can demonstrate that only the preferred school can meet the exceptional medical or social needs of the child. This can be in the form of a testimony from a medical practitioner, social worker or other professional who can support the application on an 'exceptional' basis.

Exceptional medical or social grounds could include, for example:

- a serious medical condition, which can be supported by medical evidence
- a significant caring role for the child which can be supported by evidence from social services;

3. Children with a sibling already attending the school at the time of admission.

Children will be classed as siblings if they live in the same household in a single family unit. This includes for example, full, half, step, or adoptive brothers or sisters;

4. Service premium

Children living with a parent or Step Parent who is/are a serving member of the Armed Forces and who are eligible for the service premium payment

5. Other children remaining places will be allocated as follows:

- a) 30% of places allocated to applicants within Area 1 which will include all postcodes in PL1, PL2, PL3, PL4, PL5 and PL10
- b) 30% of places allocated to applicants within Area 2 which will include all postcodes in PL6, PL7, PL8, PL9, PL11, PL12, PL21
- c) 30% of places allocated to applicants within Area 3 which will include all postcodes in PL13, PL14, PL15, PL16, PL17, PL18, PL19, PL20,
- d) Remaining 10% of places will be allocated to pupils living outside the areas listed in b to d above with those living closest to the spatial locator identified by the National Land and Property Gazetteer being admitted. The spatial locator is the address point based on a general internal point. Flats are therefore taken to be the same measurement point regardless of floor of location.

If the number of applicants within any one area exceeds its allocated number of places, places will be allocated by random ballot using an electronic random number selector to the applicants within that area. Allocation of these places will be carried out randomly and overseen by Plymouth City Council.

In the event that places allocated to a particular group of post code areas are not filled, the balance of places will first be allocated for children resident in any of the remaining post code areas by random allocation.

NOTES:

Admission out of the normal age group:

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Places will normally be offered in the year group according to the child's date of birth but a parent may submit an application for a year group other than the child's chronological year group. A decision will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. The admission authority will also take into account the views of the head teacher of the school(s) concerned. Parents must not assume that the decision of one school will transfer with the child to a different school as the decision rests with the individual admission authority. Where a place is refused in a different year group but a place is offered in the school, there will be no right of appeal.

Appeals:

In the event that an applicant is denied a place at the school, the parent/carer will have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel. Information relating to the appeal process can be obtained from Plymouth City Council's School Admissions Team.

Fraudulent applications/withdrawal of allocated places:

The School Admissions Code allows an offer of a school place to be withdrawn if:

- it has been offered in error or
- a parent has not responded within a reasonable period of time or
- it is established that the offer was obtained through a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application. An example of this would be knowingly using an incorrect home address for a child. In these cases the application would be considered using the information that the local authority believes to be correct, for example using the home address where the local authority considers that the child actually lives.

All suspected fraudulent applications will be investigated and if a case is found, it could lead to criminal prosecution.

Home address:

Any allegations received by the admission authority of people providing false or accommodation addresses when applying for school places shall be fully investigated and, if found to be true, it could lead to a criminal prosecution and withdrawal of an allocated place. Schools have been advised by Plymouth City Council to ask parents/carers to provide proof of residence (for example utility bills) before admitting a child. Plymouth Local Authority (LA) will also carry out checks as appropriate¹. A child's home address is defined as the address at which the child is normally resident or, where a child lives at more than one address, the address at which the child lives for the majority of the time. Where the home address is unclear, the Admission Authority will determine the appropriate address taking into account factors such as the address to which the Child Benefit Allowance or Child Tax Credit is payable, registration for medical services etc.

Multiple births:

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School Name	Year 12 PAN (excluding those transferring from the schools own year 11).	Application Date	Normal notification date	Late Applications accepted until
UTC Plymouth	100	End of January 2020	April 2020	September 2020

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SECTION 5 – Postcode locations



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SECTION 6 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORMS

(i) SERVICE PREMIUM SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM 2020/2021

Please note this is a supplementary information form for administration purposes only and is not an application form. It will be used to rank a submitted application according to the published admission criteria.

Only complete this form if your child is eligible for the service premium payment.

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- in the armed forces of another nation and stationed in England

You need to take this form to your child's current school for the school to complete part B. You then need to return the completed form by 31 October 2019 to be included in the normal point of entry allocations made on 2 March 2020. Forms received after this date will still be considered but will not be included within the first allocation round. Return the form to: School Admissions Team, Education, Participation and Skills, Plymouth City Council, Windsor House, Tavistock Road Plymouth, PL6 5UF. In the case of a sixth form application, return the form direct to the UTC Plymouth.

PART A - To be completed by the parent/carer

Child's Full Name:	
Date of birth:	
I confirm that my child meets the criteria as a service child and is eligible for the service premium payment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Name of school currently attended:	
Name of Parent/Carer:	
Relationship to child:	
Signature:	
Date:	

Data Protection

The information collected on this form will be processed and may be stored electronically by the school in compliance with the Data Protection Act. The data may be shared with Plymouth City Council or other agents of the school, but only for administrative or other service provision purposes and with Government Departments where there is a legal requirement to do so. In accordance with the School Admissions Code, should information given be found to be fraudulent then the offer of a school place can be withdrawn. If you would like further information about Data Protection, please contact the school. By signing or submitting this form you acknowledge that you have read, understood and agreed to this data processing.

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PART B - To be completed by the school

Child's full name:	
Date of birth:	
I confirm that the child named above meets the criteria as a service child and is eligible for the service premium payment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Name of school:	
Name of person completing the form:	
Position held in school:	
Signature:	
Date:	
Telephone number:	
School stamp:	

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(ii) STAFF SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM 2020/2021

Please note this is a supplementary information form for administration purposes only and is not an application form. It will be used to rank a submitted application according to the published admission criteria.

Only complete this form if you are:

- a) **A member of staff employed on a permanent contract by the school (and working at the school applied for) for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made;**
- or
- b) **A member of staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.**

If you are applying under a) or b) above, you need to take this form to the school of employment for the school to complete part B. You then need to return the completed form by 31 October 2019 to be included in the normal point of entry allocations made on 2 March 2020. Forms received after this date will still be considered but will not be included within the first allocation round. Return the form to: School Admissions Team, Education, Participation and Skills, Plymouth City Council, Windsor House, Tavistock Road Plymouth, PL6 5UF.

PART A - To be completed by the parent/carer

Child's Full Name:	
Date of birth:	
Member of staff employed by the School:	
Name of school of employment:	
Name of Parent/Carer:	
Relationship to child:	
Signature:	
Date:	

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PART B - To be completed by the school of employment

Child's full name:		
Date of birth:		
Name of member of staff employed by the school:		
The above named member of staff is employed in the following capacity:	A member of staff employed on a permanent contract by the school (and working at the school applied for) for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	A member of staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Name of school of employment:		
Name of person completing the form:		
Position held in school:		
Signature:		
Date:		
Telephone number:		
School stamp:		

Data Protection

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CONTACTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

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reception@utcplymouth.org

www.utcplymouth.org

Plymouth School Admissions Team

Years 7 and 9 intake at the normal point of entry: 01752 307469

In-Year admissions: Telephone Secondary 01752 307467

The website at www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions has information about applying for a place at the school, school appeals and the coordinated schemes of admission.

School Appeals

Telephone 01752 398164

schoolappeals@plymouth.gov.uk

Inclusion, Attendance and Welfare Service

Telephone 01752 307405

www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolsandeducation/attendancebehaviourandwelfare

The Department for Education Schools (DFE)

Telephone: 0370 000 2288

www.education.gov.uk

Office of the Schools Adjudicator

www.education.gov.uk/schoolsadjudicator

Plymouth Information, Advice and Support for SEND

Telephone 01752 258933 or 0800 953 1131

www.plymouthias.org.uk

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