Reddish Vale High School

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1. Introductory statement

Reddish Vale High School is a non-selective non-denominational 11-16 academy school forming part of Achieve and Learn Trust (MAT). The school's Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions.
The school has an admission number of 210 for entry into year 7.

Admission to the school will be made by the Governing Body in accordance with the stated parental preferences it receives and subject to the following set of criteria which will be used to form a priority order if there are more applications for admission than the school has places available.

2. Admission number

The school has an admission number of 210 for entry in year 7.

The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year group are received, the

3. Application process

Academy Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied. Reddish Vale High School is the Admissions Authority for Reddish Vale High School and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. Reddish Vale High School has elected to use the Local Authority's admission process, therefore the co-ordination and administration of admissions is undertaken by Stockport MBC's Admissions Support & Advice Team based at 3rd Floor Stopford House, Piccadilly, Stockport, SK1 3XE.

The closing date for applications will be 31st October 2026.

Local Authorities have a system of co-ordinated admissions. You will need to apply using the Local Authority form for the area in which you reside. Parents seeking a place for their child must include Reddish Vale High School in ranked order of preference on their Local Authority's application form.

If you live in Stockport you must apply using the online system which will be available from August 2026. A description of the process and the application form are available at:

https://www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/nursery-and-school-admissions

Offers will be made on 1st March 2027 by the Local Authority.

4. Priority catchment area and oversubscription criteria for admissions in years 7-11

After placement of pupils who have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan which names the school, places will be allocated in the following order up to the Published Admission Number (PAN) of the school:

A. Looked after children (CIC) and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order. This category also includes children who have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted

B. Children considered to have highly exceptional medical/social reasons

C. Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission

D. Children who live in the catchment area of the school

E. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area

F. Children who live outside of the catchment area and will have a sibling on roll at the time of admission

G. Any other applicants, in order of straight-line distance measured between home and the school

H. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-G above

For each of the criteria listed above, if the demand for places exceeds the admission number, the rank order will be determined by the proximity of the child's home to the school.

The child's home address means the address where the child normally and permanently lives on a full-time basis, not a temporary address or the address of a carer or relative.

Reddish Vale High School reserves the right to withdraw a place at a later date if it is discovered that false or incorrect information has been used in order to secure a place.

5. Late Applications

All applications received by the LA after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time. If, following

consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

6. In year admissions for all year groups

This section applies to applicants applying for a place outside the normal round of admissions i.e. for a child who is already secondary school age.

To transfer from one school in Stockport to another, or if you are moving into Stockport and wanting to apply for a new school, please complete the online form located on the Stockport gov website. It can also be accessed by clicking the following link:

https://www.stockport.gov.uk/changing-schools-during-school-year

If you are moving into Stockport, you will be required to declare your residency to Stockport Council and provide documentary evidence to support this.

Pupils will be admitted to the main school (Years 7-11) without reference to ability or aptitude.

Places will be allocated taking account of the admission number for each individual school year and according to the criteria detailed in the application process. In the event of over-subscription, a waiting list will also be compiled according to this criteria.

The year group a pupil can be admitted is usually dependent on their date of birth. Pupils are not normally admitted into a year group that does not correspond with their date of birth.

Unsuccessful applicants may request to be placed on a waiting list and thus be considered for any places that may arise in the future. These places will be awarded in accordance with the over-subscription criteria listed in the application process, irrespective of how long someone may have been on a waiting list. A separate waiting list for each year group is held. All waiting lists will be maintained to the end of the first term of the school year.

7. Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Appellants should contact the Secretary to the Independent Appeal Panel on 0161 474 3216 for information on how to appeal. Appeal forms must be returned by the published date or within 20 school days of receipt of the refusal.

Full details of the appeals procedure are available at the link below:
https://www.stockport.gov.uk/admission-appeals

The following is a summary of the process:

•The Local Authority will manage the appeals process on behalf of the Academy Trust.

• The Appeal must be submitted on the appeal request form, or online, setting out the grounds on which the appeal is made. Online forms are available here https://www.stockport.gov.uk/admission-appeals/school-admissions-how-to-appeal or paper forms are available from the Secretary to the Independent Appeal Panel (Tel: 0161 474 3216), admission.appeals@stockport.gov.uk

• Appeal forms must be returned to the Secretary to the Independent Appeal Panel by the published date or within 20 school days of receipt of the refusal. An appeal form received after the due date will only be heard in the first appeals round in exceptional circumstances.

• When an appeal has been lodged, the Secretary to the Independent Appeal Panel will send a formal invitation 10 days before the date of the Independent Appeal Panel Hearing. Following that; normally 7 school days before the appeal, the Secretary will send Parents and Panel Members the Statement of Case on behalf of the Academy Trust explaining why a place has been refused

• An Independent Appeal Panel Hearing must give a parent the opportunity of appearing and making oral representation. The parent can be accompanied by a friend or be represented.

• At the Hearing, both the Local Authority acting on the Academy Trust's behalf and the parent will be offered the chance to speak about the case which will be decided on the basis of the information provided to the Panel.

• The Secretary of the Independent Appeal Panel will notify the parent of the Appeal Panel's decision, in writing. Decision letters are sent within five school days of the hearing wherever possible. The decision of the Independent Appeal Panel is binding on both the Academy Trust and the parent.

• A request for a re-appeal will not be granted unless there have been significant and material changes in the circumstances already considered by the Panel. Any such requests should be made, in writing, to the secretary to the Independent Appeal Panel, Democratic Services, Town Hall, Stockport SK1 3XE

Note: For further explanation of the terms used in this document, please refer to Glossary of Terms available on Stockport School Admissions website:
www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

NOTES FOR GOVERNORS:

Removed text for year 7 admissions and combined in ‘Admission number and Application Process’ in line with other Stockport School Admission Policies.