



## Year 7 (September 2026 Entry) Waiting List: Frequently Asked Questions

***I haven't received a notification from the Local Authority. How do I know if my child has been offered a place?***

If you applied in the first round by the 31 October 2025 deadline, your Local Authority will notify you of the outcome on National Offer Day, **Monday 2 March 2026**. Please log in to the online admissions portal you used to submit your application.

If you applied using a paper form, or submitted an amendment form to amend your preferences by 22 November 2025, your Local Authority will send your outcome letter by post. These letters are issued on Monday 2 March.

**The School is not able to provide outcomes directly.** If you cannot access your online account or do not receive your letter, please contact your Local Authority's School Admissions Team for assistance.

***What does 'a place has been requested' mean?***

The status '**Requested**' means we were unable to offer your child a place at The King's (The Cathedral) School. Their name has been added to the **waiting list**.

***How can I find out my child's waiting list position?***

Please email [admissions@kings.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@kings.peterborough.sch.uk) and include your child's **full legal name** and **date of birth** in the subject line. If you applied under multiple categories (e.g. A5 Other Faiths and B1 Academic), please state these in your email so we can confirm their position on each relevant waiting list. Your child will remain on the waiting list for the **entire duration of Year 7**. Please note that waiting list positions are subject to change. If a place becomes available during the academic year and your child is in position 1 on the waiting list we will contact you.

***Is it likely that my child will be offered a place before September?***

We are sorry that we were unable to offer your child a place. We received **over 800 applications** for **150 Year 7 places**, and the School is heavily oversubscribed. If any families decline their first-round offer, places will be reallocated in the **second round**. If second-round offers are made, these will be issued by the Local Authority during the **week commencing 27 April 2026**.

***We applied in Category A2 (C of E/Methodist). Why hasn't my child been offered a place?***

Under our admissions policy, we can offer a maximum of **74 places** in Category A2. This year we received a high number of C of E/Methodist applications, and the **cut-off score** for this category was higher than in recent years. Please email us if you would like to know your child's waiting list position.

***We applied in Category A4 (Sibling). Why hasn't my child been offered a place?***

Unfortunately, a place in the sibling category is not guaranteed, as we must apply the Admissions Policy consistently to all applicants.

In Category A4, applications are ranked first by **priority**, and then by **distance** from the School:

- **Priority 1:** Siblings currently in Years 7–11, or in the Sixth Form who previously attended the School in Years 7–11.
- **Priority 2:** Siblings in the Junior Department or in the Sixth Form who did not previously attend the School in Years 7–11.

This year, we have a number of Priority 2 siblings on the waiting list, which means we have not been able to offer places to all applicants in this category.

If any families decline their places from the **first round**, we will **re-offer** those places in the **second round** to applicants in the relevant category, in line with the Admissions Policy.

If you would like to know your child's position on the waiting list, please email us and include their full legal name and date of birth.

***We applied in Category A5 (Other Christian denominations and Other Faiths). Why hasn't my child been offered a place?***

This year, we were unable to offer any places in Category A5. Under the oversubscription criteria, places are allocated in descending category order, and all Year 7 places for September 2026 were filled by applicants in higher categories.

We cannot provide waiting list positions for category A5 because this category is ranked by **lottery**.

Please also note:

- Several children remain on the **A4 sibling** waiting list (the category above A5).
- A new lottery draw for A5 will only take place if the A4 waiting list is cleared.

***My child passed the Entrance Exam. Why have they not been offered a place?***

The Entrance Exam is highly competitive. This year, **400+ children** sat the exam and **over 100 passed**. However, only **12 places** are available in this category (B1). As per the admissions policy if applicants achieve the same score, they are ranked by **distance from the school**, in strict descending order.

Please note:

- Each category is ranked **independently**.
- Passing the Entrance Exam does **not** increase the likelihood of receiving a place in another category.

***My child attended the Music Auditions and was ranked. Why have they not been offered a place?***

This year, **40+ children** attended the Music Auditions and over 20 were given a ranking. There are **3 places** available in this category (B2). Please email us if you would like to know your child's waiting list position.

***We live very close to the School. Why hasn't my child been offered a place?***

The King's (The Cathedral) School is a **Church of England school** and does **not** operate a catchment area. Places are allocated strictly according to our **oversubscription criteria**. Once again this year, we were unable to offer any places in **Category A6 (Proximity to the School)**.

### ***Can I submit an appeal?***

All parents and carers have the right to appeal the decision not to offer their child a place. We understand how disappointing and upsetting it can be when your child is not offered a place at your preferred school.

You may wish to submit an appeal if you believe that the admissions policy was not correctly or fairly applied to your child's application, or if you feel you have other grounds that you would like an independent panel to consider.

Appeals are heard by an independent appeals panel. The panel reviews the evidence you provide and decides whether the decision should be upheld or overturned.

For context, 26 appeals were lodged for Year 7 last year (September 2025 entry), and none were upheld by the independent panel.

Please follow the instructions on our website to request an Appeals Form and to access further information about the appeals process.