

## Exceptional social or medical need application form

This application form is only to be completed for children who do not have an EHCP, but who have an exceptional medical condition or social need that requires them to attend a specific school.

To be eligible for priority, the information provided must meet the criterion (pasted below):

- b) Children who have exceptional social or medical need, supported by a written recommendation from an independent medical professional such as the child's paediatrician / consultant or an independent professional from Children's Services. The recommendation must explain why the Academy is the *only* suitable school to meet the child's needs and why *no other school* could provide the appropriate support for the child.

For priority for a place to be given, the parent / carer will need to submit a written recommendation from an independent professional such as the child's paediatrician / consultant, or an independent professional from Children's Services. In addition to the written recommendation, parents / carers can also submit other documentation which supports the reason for application.

The recommendation must explain why the academy is the *only* suitable school to meet the child's needs and why *no other school* could provide the appropriate support for the child.

As well as completing this form, you must also list the academy as a preference on your local authority / council application form.

- For applications to start year 7 in September 2027, the deadline is **31 October 2026**.
- For applications for start Reception in September 2027, the deadline is **15 January 2027**.
- In-year applications can be submitted at any time.

**Note:** If you are applying to start year 7 in September 2027 at Dixons City or Dixons Kings academies, an assessment SIF must also be submitted before 3.30pm on **30 September 2026**. Forms can be completed at: [apply.dixonsacademies.com](https://apply.dixonsacademies.com)

<b>1. Child's first name / s:</b>	
<b>2. Child's surname:</b>	
<b>3. Child's date of birth e.g. 31/01/2016:</b>	
<b>4. Child's address:</b>	
<b>5. Postcode:</b>	

<b>6. I am applying under the following exceptional need</b>	
Please tick ( / ) which of the following applies. If both apply, please tick ( / ) box boxes.	
Medical need	
Social need	

<b>7. Which academy are you applying for?</b>
Please write down the name of the academy you are making an exceptional need application for. Please note that you can only apply for <u>one</u> academy because, as the criterion states, it needs to be the <i>only</i> school that can meet the child's needs.

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**8. Please specify the reasons why you believe that only this academy can meet your child's needs**

If you run out of space, you can attach additional pages to the form.

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**9. Parent's / carer's full name**

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**10. Contact details and supporting documents.**

Contact details:

If you are including supporting documents with this form, please list these below:

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Whilst the deadline for Year 7 and Reception applications is as stated above, if you do not have all the supporting documents by this date, we can accept further documents up until:

- 20 November 2026 for Year 7 applications
- 5 February 2027 for Reception applications

Please return this form either by:

E-mail: [admissions@dixonsta.com](mailto:admissions@dixonsta.com)

Post: Admissions & Appeals, Lewis Building, c/o Dixons City Academy, Ripley Street, Bradford, BD5 7RR

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