

## Reading School

### Admission to Year 7 in September 2020

#### Frequently Asked Questions regarding Admission Test Results



**IMPORTANT:** The school will not be able to give any further information about test results other than the individual test score that you have received in your letter.

<b>Q</b>	<b>What is the qualifying score for Reading School for entry in September 2020?</b>
A	The qualifying score for entry into Reading School in September 2020 is 108.00 or if your son is pupil premium or a looked after or previously looked after child it is 103.00. Meeting or exceeding the qualifying score only means that the candidate <b>may</b> be offered a place at Reading School because, if the number of applicants exceeds the Admission Number for 2020 (138 day places, 12 boarding places), the oversubscription criteria will be applied. Please see our Admission Policy for Entry into Year 7 in September 2020 on our website for more details on our oversubscription criteria.
<b>Q</b>	<b>How do I access my son's results?</b>
A	The results are available online. Please refer to the school website for details of how to access the results: <a href="https://www.reading-school-admissions.co.uk/">https://www.reading-school-admissions.co.uk/</a>
<b>Q</b>	<b>My son has achieved the qualifying score or above. Will he be offered a place?</b>
A	Your son has achieved the qualifying score for Reading School and therefore may be offered a place depending on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Including Reading School as a preferred school on your CAF</li> <li>• The number of candidates with a score on or above the qualifying score who put Reading School on their CAF</li> <li>• The application of the oversubscription criteria, if required (see below):</li> </ul> <p><b>DAY APPLICANTS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The applicant is a looked after child or previously looked after child</li> <li>2. The permanent home address of the student is within the designated area of the school (as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019) and the student is pupil premium child. Documentary evidence that the parent has been or is in receipt of the appropriate support payment entitling the child to pupil premium/service premium will be required.</li> <li>3. The permanent home address of the student is within the designated area of the school (as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019) and this home address is the address of the parent(s)/carer(s) and the student.</li> <li>4. Students whose home address is NOT in the designated area of the school.</li> </ol> <p><b>BOARDING APPLICANTS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The applicant is a looked after child or previously looked after child</li> <li>2. Children of members of the UK Armed Forces eligible for the service premium.</li> <li>3. The applicant has a boarding need.</li> <li>4. All other applicants</li> </ol>
<b>Q</b>	<b>I live outside the designated area and my son has achieved or exceeded the qualifying score. What is the likelihood of him being offered a place?</b>
A	Please see above. If your son was living outside of the designated area after 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2019 then it is unlikely that he would be offered a day place at Reading School due to the large number of applications received from those who live within the designated area. After due consideration you may come to the decision that it is in the best interests of your son that he be considered for a boarding place. If this proves to be the case, then the admissions office must receive written confirmation of your wishes to change your application from day to boarding by <b>31<sup>st</sup> October 2019</b> at the latest. I should remind you that the School is only able to accept an application for a boarding <b>or</b> a day place but not for both. Please email: <a href="mailto:admissions@reading-school.co.uk">admissions@reading-school.co.uk</a> if you wish to amend your application. If you would like to have a tour of our boarding facilities to help facilitate your decision making, we are offering this at 6.00pm on Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October, please contact the admissions office if you would like to attend.
<b>Q</b>	<b>How many candidates sat the entrance test for Reading School for entry in September 2020?</b>
A	A total of 819 candidates sat the test at Reading School and a further total 259 candidates sat the test at another venue and requested that their results be shared with Reading School.
<b>Q</b>	<b>What was the highest total standardised score achieved for entry to Reading School?</b>
A	The highest total standardised score achieved was 128.50
<b>Q</b>	<b>How many candidates who took the test achieved Reading School's qualifying score of 108 or above?</b>
A	338 candidates achieved the qualifying score or above.

<b>Q</b>	<b>How many day applicants who took the test achieved the qualifying score or above and were living in the designated area as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019?</b>
A	222 candidates who have applied for a day place achieved the qualifying score or above and were living within the designated area as at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2019.
<b>Q</b>	<b>How many boarding applicants who took the test achieved the qualifying score or above?</b>
A	22 candidates who have applied for a boarding place achieved the qualifying score or above.
<b>Q</b>	<b>What was the lowest mark achieved by a candidate that was offered a place <u>last year</u> for September 2019 entry?</b>
A	The pass mark for entry in September 2019 was 108.00 For day places the lowest qualifying mark that was admitted in September 2019 was 112.43 For boarding places, the lowest qualifying mark that was admitted in September 2019 was 108.54
<b>Q</b>	<b>Where is my son's place in the rank order?</b>
A	The purpose of conducting the tests and releasing the marks before the CAF deadline is to inform parents whether their son has reached a standard suitable for a grammar school, in this case, Reading School. You are advised to use this information to help you to decide whether to include Reading School as a preferred school on the CAF. Reading School therefore does not know this information as we do not know at this stage who has applied for a place at Reading School and whether the application of our oversubscription criteria may need to be used.
<b>Q</b>	<b>What is my son's raw score for each test?</b>
A	Reading School does not hold this information.
<b>Q</b>	<b>Can I see my son's test papers?</b>
A	It is not possible to see a candidate's test papers as they are commercially sensitive and the property of CEM.
<b>Q</b>	<b>Which postcodes make up Reading School's designated area?</b>
A	RG1, RG2, RG4, RG5, RG6, RG7, RG8, RG10, RG12, RG18, RG19, RG30, RG31, RG40, RG41, RG42, RG45.  RG9 1, RG9 2, RG9 3, RG9 4 & RG9 5 RG14 1, RG14 2, RG14 3, RG14 5, RG14 6 & RG14 7 RG20 4, RG20 5, RG20 6 & part of RG20 7 (east of A34) RG26 3, RG26 4 & part of RG26 5 (north of A339) RG27 0 & parts of RG27 8 & RG27 9 (north of M3)  GU15 1, GU15 2, GU15 3 & GU15 4 GU17 0 & GU17 9 GU19 5 GU46 6 & GU46 7 GU47 0, GU47 8 & GU47 9  OX10 0, OX10 8, OX10 9 & part of OX10 6 (south of A4130) OX11 9  SL4 4 SL5 0, SL5 7, SL5 8 & SL5 9 SL6 1, SL6 2, SL6 3, SL6 4, SL6 5, SL6 6 & SL6 7  For a map of the designated area, please see: <a href="#">Map of Designated Area</a>
<b>Q</b>	<b>What is Pupil Premium?</b>
A	Pupil Premium are those pupils who have received funding for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years or who are currently eligible for free school meals.
<b>Q</b>	<b>What is Service Premium?</b>
A	The service premium is designed to support children with parents serving in the regular British armed forces. Pupils attract the premium if they meet the following criteria: a) one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces; b) one of their parents served in the regular armed forces in the last 3 years or one of their parents died while serving in the armed forces c) the pupil is in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS)

<b>Q</b>	<b>How does being eligible for Pupil Premium or Service Premium affect my son's application?</b>
A	<p>If your son's permanent home address is within the designated area for Reading School and he is a pupil premium or service premium child, then he is eligible to be considered under section 2 of the over-subscription criteria. This means if he has achieved the qualifying score of 103 or above, he will be offered a place at Reading School before sections 3 and 4 are applied. If this applies to your son, please ensure the admissions office has all the evidence required to ensure your son is ranked correctly.</p> <p>If your son sat the test at Reading School, verification of Pupil Premium or Service Premium was obtained from your son's current primary school via the Registration Form brought to the test day. Clarification may be sought if necessary.</p> <p>If your son sat the test at another grammar school within the consortium, you registered your son at Reading School and you are within our designated area, we will request verification of Pupil Premium or Service Premium which can be a letter from your son's current primary school.</p>
<b>Q</b>	<b>My son sat the test at the Slough Consortium (or another school within the consortium) and their standardised test result is different from Reading School. Why?</b>
A	<p>Some parents may be considering including either one or more Slough grammar schools in addition to Reading School on the Common Application Form. Reading School, the Slough Consortium of Grammar Schools and Kendrick School used the same test on the same day, and it is not possible for students to sit the test more than once. However, parents whose son sat the test at Reading School may have also registered their son for the Slough Consortium and therefore as such requested that the raw score was shared with the Slough Consortium of Grammar Schools for inclusion in their standardisation. Similarly, parents whose son sat the test at the Slough Consortium may have registered their son at Reading School and thus the raw score was shared with Reading School for inclusion in the Reading School standardisation. In either of these cases, parents will subsequently receive two sets of results, one from the Slough consortium and the other from Reading School. These standardised results may be different, as the same raw score is being compared to those of a different cohort of children. Please note that each school can set its own pass mark and thus the pass mark for each school may differ as well as the standardised score.</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE: Scores cannot be retrospectively shared after the standardisation process has taken place</b></p>
<b>Q</b>	<b>Can papers be remarked?</b>
A	<p>All the entrance tests are double scanned and checked using different optical mark readers and different staff. The process is reliable and trustworthy and as a result re-marks would be unnecessary. The likelihood of any mistake being made in recording the correct test responses from the multiple choice answer sheet is negligible. We will therefore not undertake any test re-marks until after the national offer date (2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020). The cost of a re-mark to parents is £50 per paper.</p>
<b>Q</b>	<b>When will I know if I have been offered a place at Reading School?</b>
A	The National Offer date is 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020.
<b>Q</b>	<b>Can I appeal?</b>
A	You cannot appeal about your son's test mark. Your offer letter from your Local Authority on 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020 will contain details of how to appeal if you have not been offered a place at your preferred school.
<b>Q</b>	<b>I would like to make a Freedom of Information request for an anonymised copy of the standardised results.</b>
A	This information will be published on the school's website in March 2020. 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.