

Reading School - Admission to Year 7 in September 2023
Frequently Asked Questions regarding Offer of Places

Q	I have been offered a place at Reading School but have not had any communication from the school itself.
A	Emails were sent to parents w/b 1 st March. If you have not received your email by 6 th March please contact the school via admissions@reading-school.co.uk . The exception to this is if you applied by paper in which case offers will not be sent until 8 th March 2023.
Q	I have not had an offer from my Local Authority.
A	Please contact your Local Authority.
Q	Is my son on the waiting list?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your son's score is 94.00 or above in English and Maths and he achieved the standard in the Creative Writing test, he will be on our waiting list unless he has been offered a place at your higher preference school. • The waiting list consists of the ranked order of candidates (adjusted for those living within the catchment area) with scores of 94.00 or above in English and Maths, and have achieved the standard in the Creative Writing test, who have not been offered a place at Reading School. • As at 1st March 2023, there were 180 candidates on the day waiting list and 19 candidates on the boarding waiting list; the highest total age weighted score on the day waiting list was 112.7 (within the Catchment Area). The highest total age weighted score on the boarding waiting list was 111.75.
Q	My son achieved the pass mark but has not been offered a place. Why?
A	This is because the 138 day places and 12 boarding places for Year 7 have been offered to the highest scoring candidates and ranked in accordance with our oversubscription criteria. Your son will have been placed on our waiting list (please see Question above).
Q	My son achieved the pass mark and has not been offered a place or been placed on your waiting list. Why?
A	This is likely to be because your Local Authority has been able to offer you a place at the school that you indicated as a higher preference.
Q	Can I change my preference and put Reading School first?
A	Please contact your own Local Authority.
Q	Can my son's position on the waiting list change?
A	Your son's position on the waiting list may go up or down due to change of preference, change of address or withdrawals.
Q	Can papers be remarked?
A	<p>All the entrance tests for English and Maths are scanned, and each question is checked for the presence of exactly one response. If more or less than one mark is found for any question, it is verified by a human to ensure it is either blank, where no response was given, or which was the intended response, if multiple answers were marked (if, for example, a response was crossed out and another option then marked). 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. However, if you do wish to have your son's papers re-marked, the cost of a re-mark would be £50 per paper. Please send in an email or letter with your son's full name, date of birth and candidate number outlining your request for a re-mark to the admissions office at Reading School. A remark will not give any other information other than confirmation of the standardised score.</p> <p>Creative Writing Papers are not re-marked as they have already been manually judged by 10 individual members of staff from Reading School who are aware of the standard required for entry. Therefore, there is no need to have any further judgments on this aspect of the entrance test.</p>

Q	Can I appeal?
A	<p>If your child is not offered a place at the school of your choice, you have a right to appeal against this decision to an Independent Appeal Panel. In appealing, you should feel that there are very good mitigating circumstances for your son not gaining a place at Reading School which you believe affected his performance on the day of the entrance test. Please also consider the appeal in light of your son's overall score and ranked position.</p> <p>Appeals should be lodged to: School Appeals Clerk, Committee Services, Reading Borough Council, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading, RG1 2LU</p> <p>Julie Quarmby – Tel: 0118 937 2368 – Email: julie.quarmby@reading.gov.uk Jemma Durkan – Tel: 0118 937 2432 – Email: jemma.durkan@reading.gov.uk Andrew Wood – Tel 0118 937 2744 – Email: andrew.wood@reading.gov.uk</p> <p>You can find information on the appeals process or submit an appeal online by clicking here</p> <p>For entry in September 2023, the deadline for submitting an appeal is 29th March 2023.</p> <p>Appeals will normally be heard during May or June.</p>